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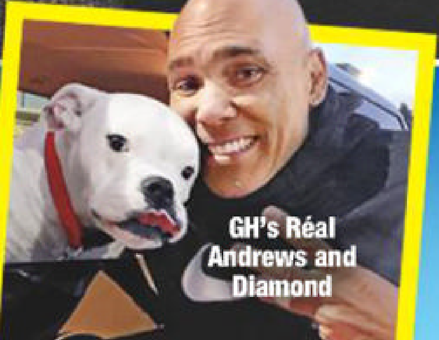

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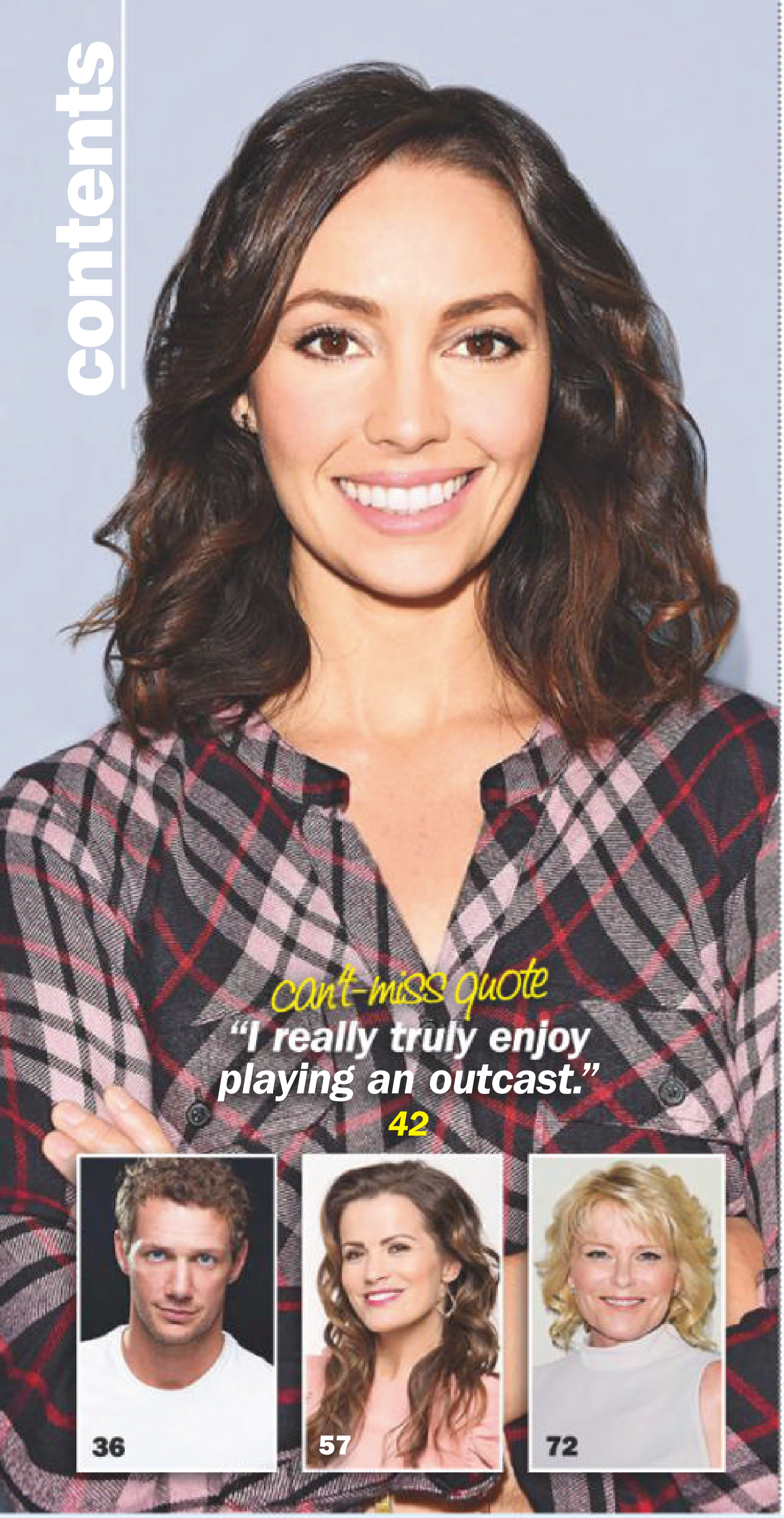

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CAMILA BANUS: WHY I CAME BACK TO DAYS

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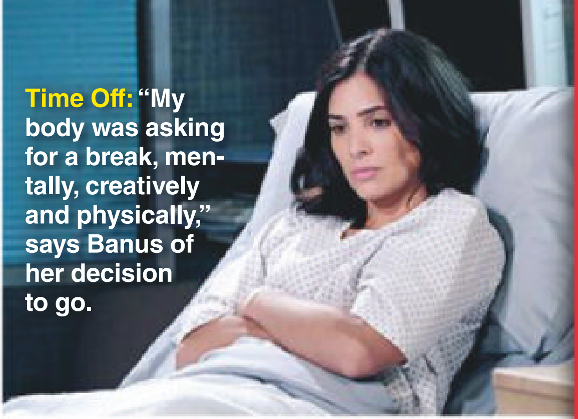
Camila Banus will be back on DAYS this fall as Gabi, nearly a year after she said good-bye, but only a couple of months after she last aired.

"When I was deciding on leaving in 2019, it was a couple of different factors," Banus begins. "One of the main factors was that I was involved in not only my story, but other storylines, as well, just weaved around, and it was a lot of work. I'm talking about I was coming in pretty much five days of the week, four days of the week, and it was a lot of hours, a lot of scripts, a lot of words. I was just like, 'I need a mental reset. My body needs a reset.' And I also wanted to creatively do something that was different from the formula I had been doing for so long. The break that I had taken before that had been for a couple of years, so for me, it was just kind of a natural, my body was asking for a break, mentally, creatively and physically."

Banus wrapped up last November, "Which was kind of hush-hush, low key," she recalls. "When we got back at the beginning of the year, I did not come back for the beginning of shooting, which was so strange for me. It was this really unfamiliar new territory where I was like, 'Wait, it's summer all the time? I don't have to go to work or school or anything? I can just stay home? What do I do?' It was a little bit intense. Before Covid, I had an issue with my boyfriend because he was like, 'What are you doing? You're not really doing anything. You're watching TV.' And I'm like, 'Yeah, that's what I'm doing. Nothing! I want to do nothing for a little while. I don't know how long. It's an indefinite period right now.' I felt like I needed to just really do nothing. I was watching reality TV cooking shows about cupcakes and decorating cakes and it felt like a relief to not have to think



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Time Off: “My body was asking for a break, mentally, creatively and physically,” says Banus of her decision to go.

Cause For Celebration: Banus and on-screen brother Galen Gering (Rafe) will be back in Salem soon.

about anything else but letting go and living in this little world of people baking. It was nice, I’m not going to lie to you, it was really nice to do nothing and just order food and not have to cook.”

Banus then decided to take a trip while she had the time. “Right before Covid, I went to Bali at the top of the year, which was amazing, and I got to experience a whole different culture,” she enthuses. “This was the week before things closed down, and Covid was all over the world, but it wasn’t really there in that part of Indonesia so it was just interesting to come back to a world where everything was closed.”

It was during her at-home quarantine that the idea of returning to Salem resurfaced. “Throughout Covid, I kept a positive mind, thinking that I would be still open and available to other projects,” she explains. “I wanted to be part of other creative outlets, it didn’t matter if it was a film or a music video, just something creative and different. So I was definitely open to things and thinking that even though we were closing down, there would still be opportunities for me to self-tape. When *that* didn’t happen, when things really, really closed down, in my mind, I’m thinking, ‘Well, no, I have to still act. This is a part of me, this is part of my body, part of my soul.’ It was nice to get a self-tape here and there and exercise the tools that I love to play with all the time, but it wasn’t the same thing, so that’s when the itch started to come back. I thought, ‘I don’t know how long I can go without acting or without being in front of a camera. DAYS is my home, it’s where I need to be,’ and that kind of evolved into, ‘If we come back, I would love to be part of whatever I can be a part of.’ I didn’t know anything about what was going to happen, and then within the last couple of months there was some back and forth between my management company and me and DAYS, and that happened sort of organically from both sides. I need them. They’re my family, they’re my home.”

> *“I am really excited to play Gabi again.”*

At press time, Banus hadn’t returned to the set yet, but was curious about how things would be. “Up until two weeks ago, I was excited, like, ‘Oh, my God, this is going to be so cool,’ and the unknown of it, like, ‘How are we going to be working with each other?’ And so I was giddy about it. And then we had a [Zoom] safety meeting and it was so serious and I was like, ‘Holy, moly. We can’t leave our dressing rooms.’ It’s very safe, which is amazing, but I’m kind of like, ‘What about my friends? I need to talk to them! I need to hang out with them! I need to run lines with them! What do you mean?’ So it’s a little bit bittersweet just because we’re going back to an environment that is completely different, but it’s what’s needed to keep everybody safe.”

Bottom line, though, she’s just looking forward to being back in the mix. “I am really excited to play Gabi again,” she says. “I was reading something that Ron [Carlivati, head writer] said in response to what the fans can expect when Gabi gets back, and I’m reading it like, ‘Oh, I didn’t know that. Okay, cool! Thanks, Ron!’ I don’t really even know what it is expected for Gabi. I have no scripts. I just kind of know a very basic outline story. I just told them, ‘Whatever it is, I’m there for it. I’m game.’ ”

Y&R'S KYLE AND SUMMER: ENGAGED!

Full Steam Ahead: When it comes to a future together, Kyle (Michael Mealor) and Summer (King) are on the same page.

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■ Summer and Kyle propose to each other in Chancellor Park and exchange engagement rings. "I think it's so adorable," smiles Hunter King (Summer). "It's like a double proposal and very special to them. At this point, they're so in love and happy and just excited to plan a future together."

Because Kyle's divorce from Lola is not yet final, he and Summer decide to keep their betrothal on the down-low, but for Summer, it proves challenging. "Instead of just putting her ring away, Summer can't help herself," King sighs. "She's so enamored with Kyle that she has to have the ring close to her, so she decides to wear it on a chain around her neck."

The next day, Summer shows up at the Grand Phoenix at Phyllis's request for some girl time. "I think that's really sweet because that's something I do constantly with my mom," shares King. "I'm always texting or calling her to go get lunch with me so I really love when Phyllis and Summer have that sweet bond when they're close. So things are going great and they're having a lovely chat when Summer knocks over her purse. As she bends over to pick it up, her necklace with the ring falls out of her dress."

> *"They're so in love and happy and just excited to plan a future together."*

Phyllis immediately sees it and when she asks if it's an engagement ring, Summer reluctantly confirms it. "Phyllis slightly loses her mind," says King. "She doesn't want to call her daughter dumb, but Phyllis thinks this is the stupidest thing that Summer could ever do. Phyllis tries to be somewhat supportive so as not to drive her daughter away, but Phyllis is just shocked and even horrified that Summer and Kyle are engaged before he's even officially divorced."

Phyllis calms down and agrees to respect Summer's decision; however, when they later share the news with Nick, he has a strong reaction, as well. "Nick goes into full protective mode," King explains. "At least Summer and Phyllis are able to talk about it on a calmer level, but Nick flips his lid. He then asks Phyllis to back him up, so who is Phyllis going to side with, and how is she going to spin this so as not to upset the other?"

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DAYS: ERIC LEAVES TOWN; ALLIE MOVES IN WITH NICOLE

Good-bye For Now: Nicole (Zucker) urges Eric (Greg Vaughan) to follow his heart.

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■ Twins Eric and Sami both make their way out of Salem this week, leaving Nicole to look at her future in a new way.

Nicole knows that Eric is struggling about returning to the Congo to help the villagers he knows there. Though Eric insists his place is with Nicole and Holly, Nicole gives him her blessing to go. "It's surprising that Nicole has matured the way she has," points out her portrayer, Arianne Zucker. "I think she's finally found security with herself and in this relationship she has with Eric, so she can feel for him and what he wants. He's eager to say no to going back to the Congo, but in her eyes, it's only temporary and he's doing some good in the world, and I think that's why she's so in love with him and the man he is. So, she's being a loving and encouraging wife by telling him to go."

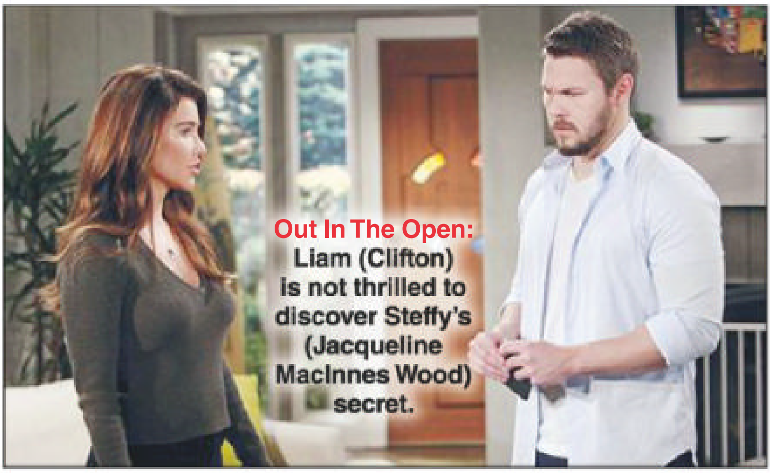
Meanwhile, Allie returns to town and is shocked to discover that her mother has custody of her baby. Allie implores Nicole to talk to the judge to get the decision overturned, but Nicole doesn't think it will make a difference. "There's a little bit of Nicole that feels she didn't put up enough of a fight," notes Zucker. "Sami made some good points, so how do you fight that? So there's a huge amount of disappointment in herself. Sami brought up all these things that Nicole did in her life that she's tried to move past. It's just a little bit of a reminder of who she used to be. She wasn't able to help this young girl who she's developed an attachment to, even though she's Sami's daughter, and of course, the baby, because Nicole just loves children for obvious reasons. So, for the fact that she couldn't help this girl, she feels like a failure."

Eric comes up with a solution, which Sami pitches to Allie: She'll agree to let Nicole raise her grandson but only if Allie lives with Nicole. "Surprisingly, they come to a compromise, and it's a good suggestion because now it's the best of both worlds," says the actress. "Nicole gets to help with the baby and Allie gets to bond with her son, as well, and Sami stays away."

Once Nicole, Sami and Allie are able to come to terms, Eric and Nicole make the rounds in Salem so he can say good-bye to his family and friends. "I think everybody feels the same way about Eric's journey and what a good person he is that he's out to do good in the world," sums up Zucker.

Sami then packs her bags to head back to Europe. "I think deep, deep, deep down, Sami and Nicole do have a respect for each other; they just have a problem being in the same room," muses Zucker. "But to have this baby that is theirs, those lines become blurred now. This child has a beautiful life ahead of it; let's try not to ruin it because we don't get along."

B&B: LIAM FINDS STEFFY PASSED OUT



Out In The Open: Liam (Clifton) is not thrilled to discover Steffy's (Jacqueline MacInnes Wood) secret.

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■ Liam drops by Steffy's house unannounced, and is greeted by a frightening scene. "This is where it all combusts," teases Scott Clifton (Liam) regarding Steffy's growing dependence on pain medication. "Liam goes to talk to her about her relationship with her doctor, thinking, 'Maybe this isn't so kosher.' He knows that Kelly is there. He knocks on the door and sees that the lights are on. Her car is there. He knocks on the door again. She's not answering. He calls her phone. He can hear her phone ringing inside the house but no one is answering. He finally uses his key to get inside and there is Steffy, passed out."

Liam jumps into action. "Liam goes into a full panic, to the point where he's slapping her face to get her to snap out of it," Clifton details. "Eventually, she does come to. She's disoriented and reactive and defensive. She's clearly loaded, and Liam just asks her, 'Are you still on pills?' She says, 'How can you say that? No, I'm not on pills.' He's getting so much resistance from her that eventually he snaps and says, 'Okay, let's find out,' and he tears the house apart. He's lifting up couch cushions, opening drawers and throwing toys all over the place — whatever he can do to find any potential hiding place."

Liam is not happy about what he finds. "Eventually, he does find her pills, and they're not only hidden, but in a place where Kelly could actually get her hands on them," he sighs. "He finds a bottle full of pills and holds them up to Steffy and says, 'You lied to me! Not only did you say you were off the pills but you said there were no pills in the house and here they are.' There's another back and forth. Steffy says, 'This is none of your business. How dare you! Get out!' and it ends with Liam saying, 'Alright, I'm leaving — but I'm taking our daughter.' "

> *"Liam goes into a full panic."*

Despite Steffy's pleas, Liam insists that taking Kelly out of the house is the right thing to do. "A huge part of the conversation is him saying, 'I could not wake you up. Imagine if Kelly, who is just in the other room, tries to get you to wake up, and her mother is not responding. Imagine the trauma. Imagine how scared she would be,' " adds Clifton.

Liam is unhappy with Dr. Finn, too. "Liam does say, 'I knew it! This guy's interest in you clouded his judgment. He has prescribed you more narcotics that you were clearly not capable of handling and it has affected your recovery. He has put you in danger,' " says the actor. "I believe Steffy says, 'No, I didn't actually get these from him,' and so that really gives Liam pause. The blame game takes a back seat, but that piece of information is a seed that gets planted in Liam that will come to be very important."

Quick Take

with Kiara Barnes

(Zoe, B&B)

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How is Zoe recovering after being burned by Thomas? “She’s had some time to process but everything is still fresh. She’s had issues in the past with Xander, and then Thomas, regarding truly trusting someone to be there and stay and commit. But she understands that she has her own faults, too.”

Speaking of, where is Xander? “He got stuck in the midst of [the Baby Beth drama]. Xander wanted Zoe to tell the truth but she was so busy trying to protect her father, things between them went downhill. I think, ultimately, what happened is he couldn’t take it anymore, and I believe his character went back to London. Obviously, Zoe and he did not last through that move.”

How did Zoe fall for Thomas’s act? “Zoe has what I call ‘Broken Bird Syndrome’, where she loves to look at someone’s potential. She’s all about potential with certain guys and seeing how she can help. Zoe knew Thomas had issues within his family and at the time, Thomas was literally her only friend after everything happened. He seemed to be there for her.”

Carter tried to warn her. “He did. Even though she was getting all these sweet words and advice from Carter, she was hesitant to fully trust that because she wanted to believe in what she was doing at the time, which was love Thomas. Again, ‘Broken Bird Syndrome’.”

Is Zoe ready to take a chance on romance with Carter? “I think so. She really just needs to let it all go, breathe it out and take it day by day. What she’s missing is a guy who’s willing to help her, as well, an equal partnership where it’s not all about fixing; it’s about coming together. Carter may just be the man to help her do that.”

Zoe and Hope are actually getting along now. “It’s refreshing to see that Hope has been accepting to hear Zoe out fully. When it all first happened, Zoe just kept trying to apologize, but it was so traumatic and so raw that it was hard to let that seep in. With time passing, and all the Thomas drama, they were able to connect. Their relationship is getting better. The fact that they can be in the same room and work together is a huge improvement. And it’s nice to see Zoe have a friend.”

What do you think of Zoe’s arc since your arrival in 2018? “It’s been great to play so many different highs and lows for a character and get into the head space of her past — coming from London to save her relationship; that relationship being rocky; then going through the baby drama and then all that blowing up; then having a moment of hope with Thomas, and having that blow up.... Enduring all that has matured Zoe. I’m hoping for good things for her in the future.”

late-breaking news

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A preview of next week's stories.

BOLD AND BEAUTIFUL

- Steffy falls further down the rabbit hole of addiction.
- Liam, Ridge and Finn stage an intervention.
- **Ridge delivers devastating news to Brooke.**

B&B's Brooke (Katherine Kelly Lang) and Ridge (Thorsten Kaye)

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DAYS's Abe (James Reynolds) and Lani (Sal Stowers)

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DAYS OF OUR LIVES

- Allie and Tripp have a fraught encounter.
- **Lani asks a favor of Abe.**
- Shawn opens up to Victor.
- Jan makes inroads with Claire.

RATINGS RACE: WEEK OF AUGUST 24

The numbers listed after each show are ratings points. Each ratings point represents 1,206,000 homes. These numbers now reflect DVR playback within the same day.

• YOUNG AND RESTLESS	1.91
• BOLD AND BEAUTIFUL	1.83
• GENERAL HOSPITAL	1.54
• DAYS OF OUR LIVES	1.26

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Y&R's Chance (Donny Boaz) and Abby (Melissa Ordway)

YOUNG AND RESTLESS

- **Chance and Abby discuss their future.**
- Traci discovers a clue about Dina's past.
- Victor confronts Billy.
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the latest cast changes

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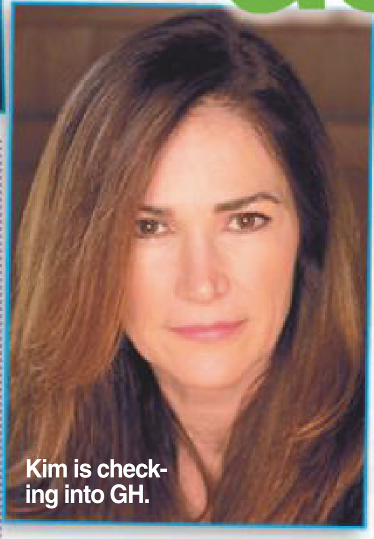
Casey is heading back to DAYS.



ABC

Kim is checking into GH.

who's coming

BOLD AND BEAUTIFUL

Delon de Metz (Zende Dominguez): As previously reported, de Metz takes over the role of Eric's (**John McCook**) grandson. He is set to debut on October 7. **Rome Flynn**, who won an Emmy for Outstanding Younger Actor in the role, played Zende from 2015-17.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES

Laura Kai Chen (Melinda Trask): The DA is back on the scene on September 23.

Casey Moss (JJ Deveraux): The actor, who last aired on February 18, is returning to the show and will air again this fall.

Will Utay (Wilhelm Rolf): Gwen (**Emily O'Brien**) pays the doc a visit on September 24.

FILTHY RICH

Peter Porte (Trey Atkins): The Y&R vet (ex-Ricky) can be seen in the premiere of the new prime-time sudser, FILTHY RICH, starring **Kim Cattrall** of SEX IN THE CITY fame and **Aubrey Dollar** (ex-Marina, GUIDING LIGHT).

GENERAL HOSPITAL

Kim Delaney (Character TBA): Delaney, best known to daytime fans for her run as ALL MY CHILDREN heroine Jenny Gardner Nelson, began filming a top-secret role on September 8. The actress, who went on to star on NYPD BLUE and ARMY WIVES after Jenny's notorious 1984 death by Jet Ski accident, will find at least one familiar face among her new castmates: **Michael E. Knight** (Martin) played Jenny's brother, Tad, on AMC.

CASTING ABOUT

■ **Oscar-winner Julianne Moore (ex-Frannie/Sabrina, AS THE WORLD TURNS) is set to join the ensemble cast of the theatrical adaptation of the Broadway hit *Dear Evan Hansen*, playing the protagonist's mother.... Gina Torres (ex-Magdalena/Nell, ONE LIFE TO LIVE) joins the cast of 9-1-1: LONE STAR as a series regular in its upcoming second season.... Morocco Omari (ex-Tariq, EMPIRE) has been cast in Lifetime's Wendy Williams biopic as Williams's ex-husband, Kevin Hunter. The flick is slated to debut in 2021.**

who's going

DAYS OF OUR LIVES

Alison Sweeney (Sami Brady): Sami heads back to Europe on September 25.

Greg Vaughan (Eric Brady): Vaughan makes his last appearance on September 23. "It was a difficult decision, but it was a decision that I prayed for and I felt that this was in my court, it was on my plate and at my disposal," the Emmy-winning actor says. "I know that the door is always open there.... This is my career and I wanted to have the courage to make a change and to find what filled my heart beyond working. Work does not control who I am."

HOLLYWOOD BUZZ

■ Just three years after PRETTY LITTLE LIARS wrapped its seven-season run on Freeform, the teen sudser is being eyed for a reboot with RIVERDALE's showrunner Roberto Aguirre-Sacasa set to develop a new take on the drama. The reboot will reportedly feature an entirely new storyline with a new cast of characters.

REAL-LIFE STATUS

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■ **In Memoriam: Kevin Dobson** (l.), best known for his portrayal of Mack MacKenzie on KNOTS LANDING from 1982-93, passed away on September 6, according to a Facebook post by the United Veterans Council of San Joaquin County, for which he had formerly served as Chairman. The actor was 77 and played minor roles on ONE LIFE TO LIVE and THE DOCTORS at the start of his career, then popped in as B&B's Judge Devin Owens (named for *Digest*'s Senior Writer of the same name), and briefly played Mickey Horton on DAYS in 2008. For his KL role, Dobson earned five *Soap Opera Digest* Awards. He is survived by his wife, Susan, and three children, Sean, Patrick and Mariah. "We were a family. We still are," posted Donna Mills (ex-Abby, KL; ex-Madeline, GH) on Instagram. "Our hearts ache to lose our dear Kevin. Rest in paradise Kevin." ... Richard R. Schilling III (r.), supervising producer on PASSIONS and GH: NIGHT SHIFT, as well as a producer on LOVING and ONE LIFE TO LIVE, passed away on August 18 at the age of 56.

■ **It's A Boy!: Natalia Livingston** (ex-Emily, GH et al) and husband Matthew Aldag welcomed a son on August 31, the actress announced on Instagram. "Welcome to the world, Huxley!! Yesterday we were blessed by the arrival of our precious son John Huxley Livingston Aldag. Born on the four-year anniversary of my dear mother's passing, he's made August 31st all the more meaningful. We miss you so much, Martita. Baby Hux, a lifetime of love and adventure awaits! Our hearts are bursting!! @mattyaldag." The couple already has a daughter, Colette, who turned 2 on September 7.

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Hot Plots Pr

DAYS OF OUR LIVES

Brady Wants To Confess

Crime Doesn't Pay: Melinda (Laura Kai Chen, far l.) promises (from l.) Belle (Martha Madison), Brady (Eric Martsolf) and Kristen (Haiduk) that justice will be served.

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To protect Kristen, Brady decides to take the blame and plead guilty to stabbing Victor. "They're both trying to find a way to keep Kristen out of prison," notes her portrayer, Stacy Haiduk. "But Kristen's not willing to let Brady go down that path. She feels she needs to take responsibility for what she's done. As hard as that is, she is going to have to find a way to do it."

Nevertheless, Brady moves forward with his plan, but Belle later informs him and Kristen that the DA rejected his plea. And to make matters worse, the pair learns that Melinda Trask will be prosecuting the case, since she's back in her old post.

"Kristen is freaking out," admits Haiduk. "It's hard enough being in the position that she is. Now, having Melinda back, it's gone from bad to worse."

Melinda vows to make Kristen pay, not only for attacking Victor, but also killing her daughter, Haley. "Kristen's like, 'I don't know what to do.' And I think she wants to run," admits Haiduk.

Meanwhile, Eli and Lani make amends, and Eli points out that the case against Kristen is fairly weak. No one else knows that Kristen confessed to Lani about stabbing Victor. "Kristen realizes this," says Haiduk. "So there's this feeling that maybe there's a way out of this, but she also knows there's a possibility she's going to go to prison."

And Melinda vows to make it happen by uncovering all available evidence.

Gone Girl: Billy (Jason Thompson, l.) blames Adam (Mark Grossman) for Alyssa's vanishing act.

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YOUNG AND RESTLESS

Alyssa Disappears

Billy gets a lead on some incriminating evidence against Adam and hightails it to Alyssa's room to share what he found, but is stunned to find her suite empty. Billy immediately confronts Adam. "Billy assumes that Adam is responsible for Alyssa's sudden disappearance since she has tremendous power to take him down," notes Co-Executive Producer/Head Writer Josh Griffith. "Billy accuses Adam of get-

eview! What Will Happen

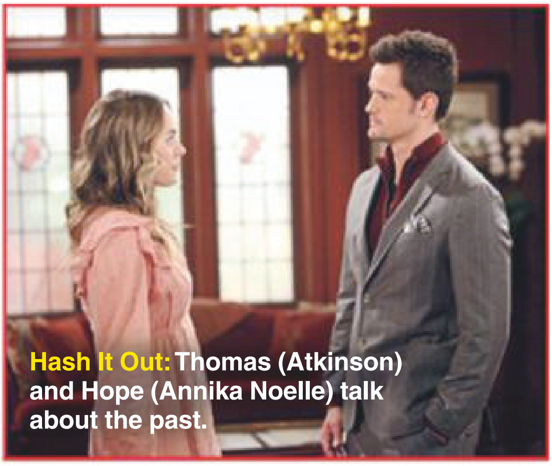
BOLD AND BEAUTIFUL

Thomas Addresses Hope

With Thomas back in town, he realizes he needs to make amends with those he wronged, but his focus is on his sister. “Right now, Thomas is all about Steffy,” says Matthew Atkinson (Thomas). “She’s one of the closest people in his life. They’re not twins, but they have a twin-like connection so he sees what she’s going though, that she is in pain, and he wants to be there for her. He loves his sister, and he feels bad that he was gone when her accident happened and he wants to be there for her going forward.”

Still, Thomas has Hope on his mind, and when the two run into each other, they try to work on their issues. “It’s not easy,” chuckles the actor. “Thomas, when he’s clearheaded and sees the issues he had in the past and he sees how he acted, he is genuinely hurting about how he acted toward Hope. He still sees her as the mother of his child, and he has a huge amount of gratitude toward her for looking after Douglas while he’s been going through this tough time. Thomas is trying to work on coming to terms with his own demons, and Hope gives him credit for that. That’s a great thing. He needs some positive feedback right now.”

Does Thomas believe he can still have a future with Hope? States Atkinson, “Well, they’ve known each other their whole lives. They’ve grown up together. The connection is still there. They’ve just got a bigger history to work through, so we’ll see what happens.”



Hash It Out: Thomas (Atkinson) and Hope (Annika Noelle) talk about the past.

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ting Alyssa out of the picture.”

Adam laughs at Billy’s allegation. “Billy is not surprised when Adam claims that he doesn’t know Alyssa’s whereabouts,” says Griffith. “Adam then turns the tables on Billy and accuses him of creating false stories about Adam to benefit ChancComm, which only fuels Billy’s fire to destroy Adam.”

Billy insists that Alyssa wouldn’t have left Genoa City without letting him know because she’s just as determined as he is to uncover the sordid truth about Adam. Adam counters that Billy is just making up lies and using the Newman name as clickbait for the new media company that his mommy gave him. To prove that he’s serious about ruining Adam, Billy reveals that he knows about the dark secret Victor had covered up for years. “Adam is too smart to react to Billy admitting he knows about Adam killing A.J. Montalvo,” Griffith points out. “However, Adam knows that he needs to act quickly and stop Billy in his tracks before their rivalry takes a dangerous turn.”

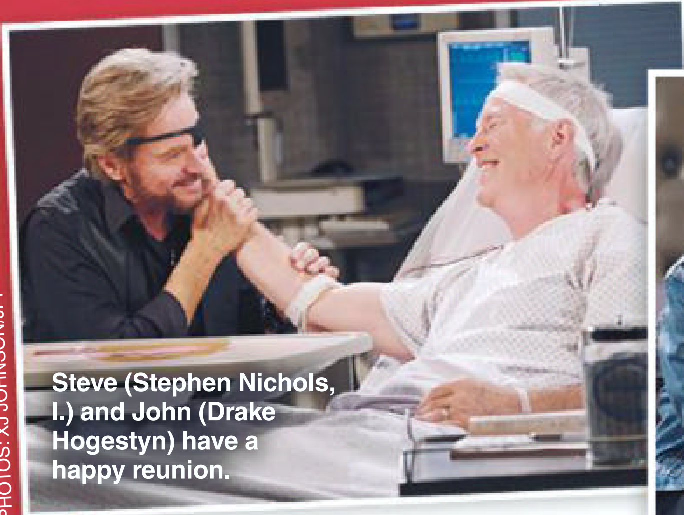
1st sneak peek LOOK photos

A glimpse of what's coming up in the week ahead!

DAYS EDITION!

Justin (Wally Kurth) and Bonnie (Judi Evans) share a surprise smooch.

Claire (Isabel Durant) visits a grieving Ben (Robert Scott Wilson).



Steve (Stephen Nichols, l.) and John (Drake Hogestyn) have a happy reunion.

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Tripp (Lucas Adams) has an unexpected run-in with Allie (Lindsay Arnold).

Shawn (Brandon Beemer) is less than pleased to spend time with Jan (Heather Lindell).

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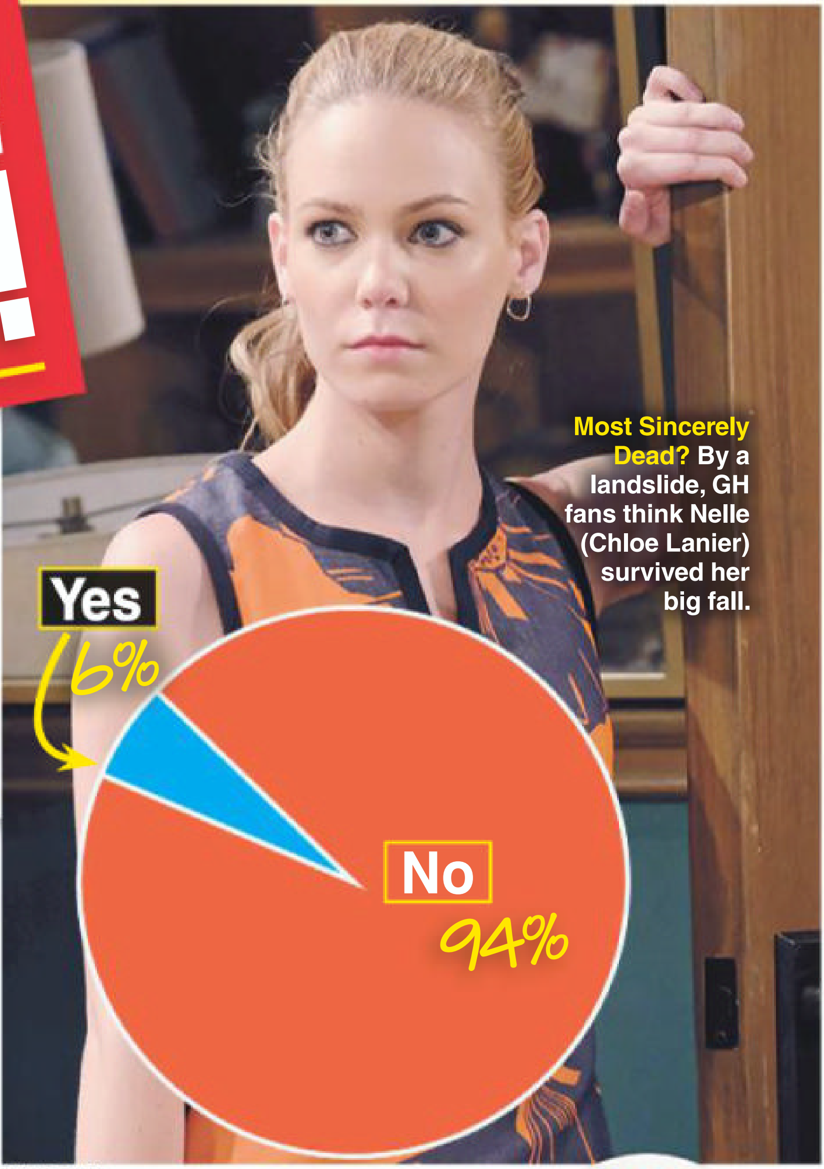

Most Sincerely Dead? By a landslide, GH fans think Nelle (Chloe Lanier) survived her big fall.

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trend temperature

	Sudden GH Death	Surprise Twin	Addiction Drama
HOT	Neil Byrne	Y&R's Amanda	B&B's Steffy
WARM	Nelle Benson	DAYS's Jake	Y&R's Billy
COLD	Wiley Cooper-Jones	GH's Jason	DAYS's Jennifer

STAR SHOTS OF THE WEEK

Kristian Alfonso (Hope, DAYS) repped her hometown, noting, "I'll always be a Boston #girl. My #heart is #bostonstrong."

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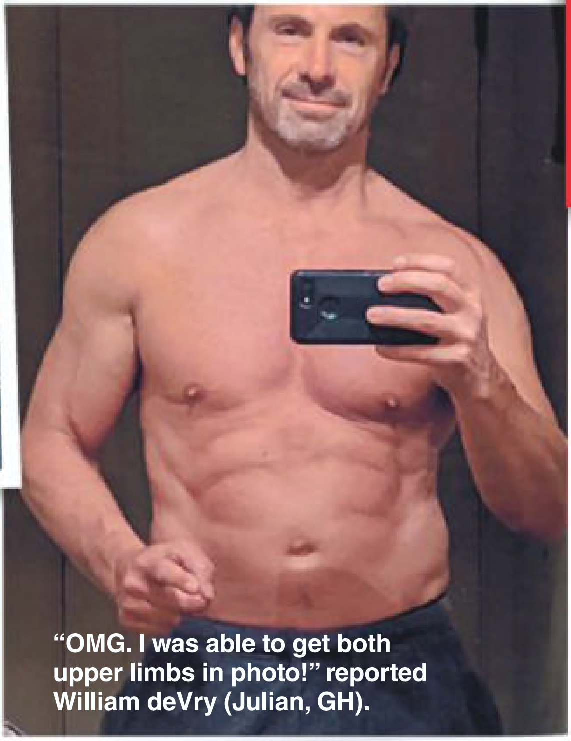

"OMG. I was able to get both upper limbs in photo!" reported William deVry (Julian, GH).

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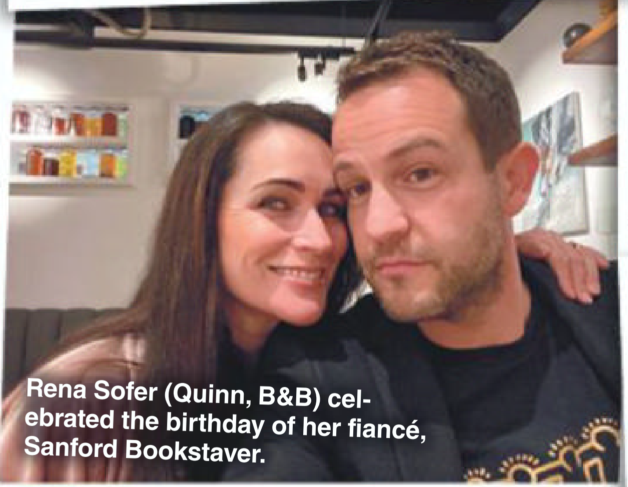

Rena Sofer (Quinn, B&B) celebrated the birthday of her fiancé, Sanford Bookstaver.

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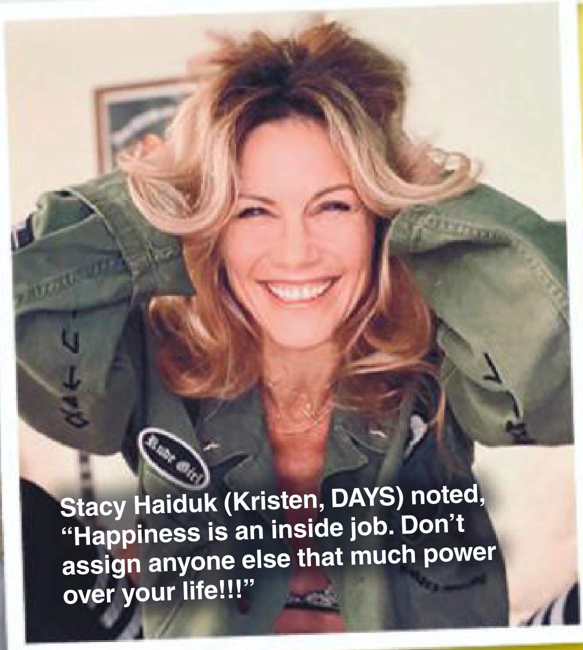

Stacy Haiduk (Kristen, DAYS) noted, "Happiness is an inside job. Don't assign anyone else that much power over your life!!!"

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"Anywhere with you," beamed Laura Wright (Carly, GH), with beau Wes Ramsey (Peter, GH). "#grateful #road trips #lifeisgood."

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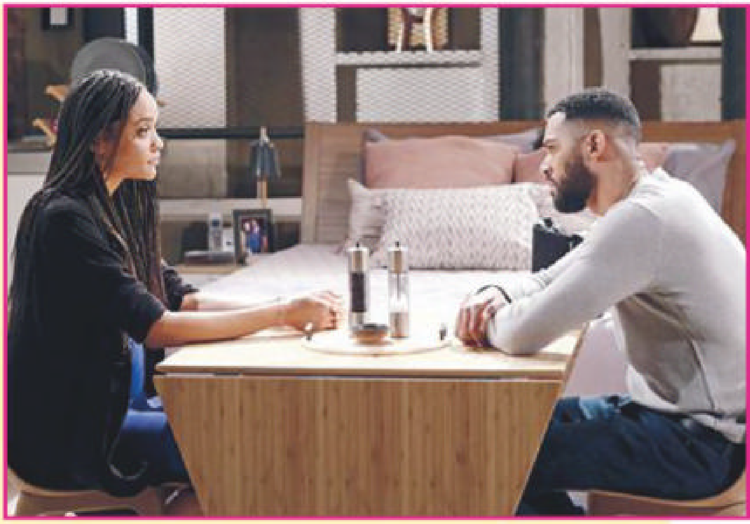
Bold And Beautiful

Say You're Sorry

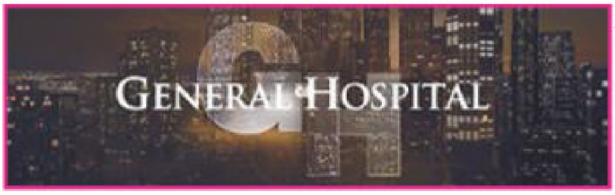
On **Wednesday, September 23**, Steffy accuses Liam and Hope of kidnapping Kelly.... On **Thursday, September 24**, Ridge rushes to Steffy when Thomas reveals her odd behavior, and then makes a troubling accusation.... Thomas leaves nothing unsaid during a genuine apology to Zoe (both l.) on **Friday, September 25**.



Days Of Our Lives

Planning Stages

On **Monday, September 21**, Shawn finds Belle in Philip's arms; Marlena gives Claire a warning about Jan; and Xander tries to manipulate Jan.... Lani struggles to forgive Eli (both r.) for his deception on **Tuesday, September 22**.... On **Wednesday, September 23**, Kristen's past comes back to haunt her, and Bonnie pulls Justin in for a kiss.... Justin confides in Jack about Bonnie; Gwen plots against Abigail; and Ben faces life without Ciara on **Thursday, September 24**.... On **Friday, September 25**, Tripp asks for Kayla's blessing, and Abigail makes plans for her future.



General Hospital

DVR Alerts for GH were not available at press time.

Young And Restless

Give A Damn

On **Monday, September 21**, Elena worries about Devon and Amanda's growing connection.... Victor gives Adam unsolicited advice on **Tuesday, September 22**, and Billy helps Amanda dig for clues about her past.... On **Wednesday, September 23**, Victoria interrogates Chance about his past with Adam, while Devon honors Hilary's memory.... Elena makes a confession to Nate on **Thursday, September 24**.... On **Friday, September 25**, Lily stands her ground with Nikki (both above).

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TV TIME

On **Monday, September 21**, the new prime-time sudser, FILTHY RICH, debuts on Fox, and is described as, "A Southern Gothic family drama in which wealth, power and religion collide with outrageously soapy results." ... On **Tuesday, September 22**, it's the first elimination of this season's soap-studded DANCING WITH THE STARS featuring Chrishell Stause (ex-Jordan, DAYS et al, r.), Jesse Metcalfe (ex-Miguel, PASSIONS et al) and Anne Heche (ex-Vicky/Marley, ANOTHER WORLD).... On **Wednesday, September 23**, Lisa Rinna (ex-Billie, DAYS) and Denise Richards (Shauna, B&B, r.) will be featured in THE REAL HOUSEWIVES OF BEVERLY HILLS special "Secrets Revealed" episode.... On **Friday, September 25**, catch ALL MY CHILDREN alum Lacey Chabert (ex-Bianca) in rebroadcasts of Hallmark Channel's ALL OF MY HEART: INN LOVE and CHRISTMAS IN ROME, with Sam Page (ex-Trey, AMC et al).

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editor's note

Dear Readers,

I have had pets my whole life, and would definitely classify myself as an animal lover. My parents were very go-with-the-flow when it came to pets in our New York City apartment. In addition to a dog and cat, we had gerbils, hermit crabs, newts, mice (by choice!) and fish at one time or another. Nowadays, I just have my cat, Hazel, who acts more like a dog and has become especially co-dependent during the pandemic, but that's just fine with me. In this issue, beginning on page 48, we put a spotlight on actors and their four-legged friends. Here, our pet-owners on Team *Digest* share pics of their best pals.

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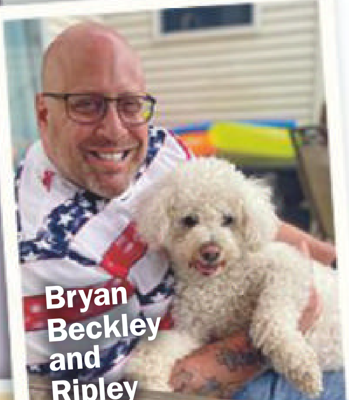
Stephanie Sloane, Editorial Director



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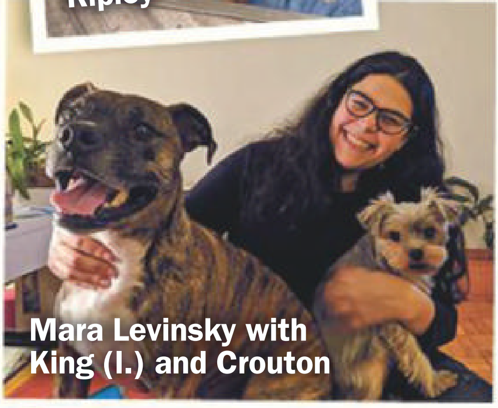
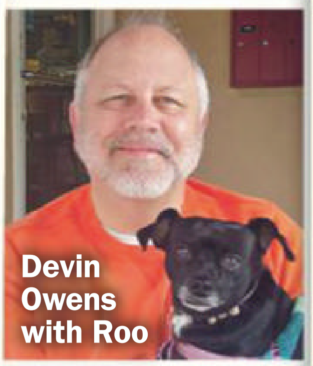


Mara Levinsky with King (l.) and Crouton



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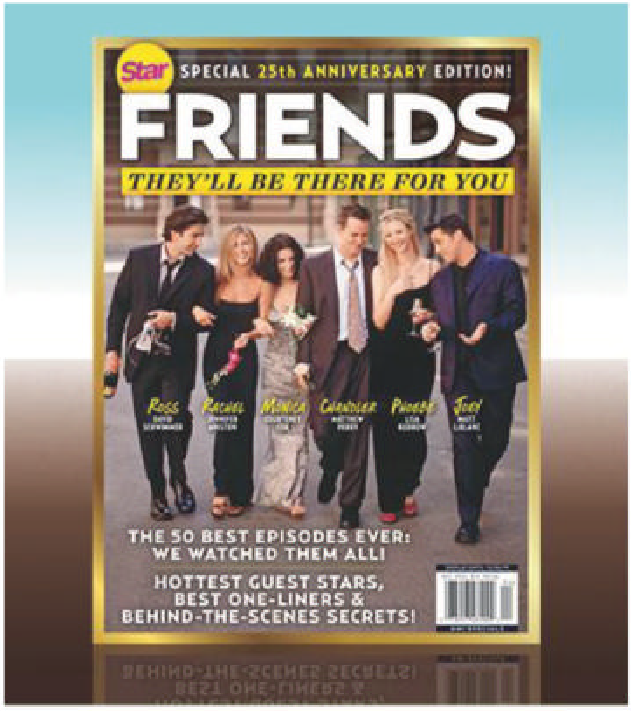

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DAYS OF OUR LIVES

Departure Time

DAYS's Sonny (Freddie Smith, l.) and Will (Chandler Massey)

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DAYS delivered a bittersweet but satisfying exit for Will and Sonny as the beloved duo said their Salem good-byes and headed off to Arizona. The show did justice to their important ties in town as the duo went on something of a farewell tour — Sonny dropped in on Justin and Victor, Will visited with Marlena, Kate and Lucas, and together they broke the news of their move to Sami, who took it ... about as well as Sami could be expected to, and even apologized for thwarting "WilSon's" plans to adopt Allie's baby. Lastly, in Horton Square, the couple reminisced about their relationship in a flashback-filled tribute to their landmark storyline. Will touched the plaque of his great-grandparents, Tom and Alice, as Sonny intoned, "Good-bye, Salem. For now...." Then, with their arms around each other's backs, they strolled off to begin the next chapter of their lives. The show hit all the right notes in scripting this send-off.

thumbs down!

YOUNG AND RESTLESS

Minor Adjustment

There's a glaringly obvious element missing from the Y&R landscape:

Applause, Applause

Nice move by GH's writers to have Lulu reference her own stabbing (by Ryan) when she made a sympathetic visit to Brook Lynn, who was recovering from being slashed in the throat by Nelle.... Kudos to B&B's Denise Richards for bringing such sincerity to her depiction of Shauna's love for Ridge, we could almost overlook that she, ya know, dragged him to the altar while he was three sheets to the wind.

Picky Picky

DAYS fan Lisa K. wrote in to note, "Within the same day/episode, Nicole's hairstyle changed, her earrings changed, Ciara's belt changed, Hope and Rafe begin kissing while wearing crime scene gloves and then, poof, the gloves were gone mid-kiss." ... On GH, Nelle smashed a glass vase over Michael's head — but somehow, he managed to get nary a shard on him.... Why did it take so long for Y&R's Amanda to suspect that the person she looks exactly like *might be her identical twin*?

an entire generation! There are currently no teenagers in Genoa City, a head-scratching scenario in a genre that is celebrated for representing all age brackets. Y&R has told many memorable storylines through the years centered on adolescents (Phillip/Cricket, Billy/Mackenzie, Lily/Daniel, Summer/Fen) involving first love, romance, pregnancies and even crimes that roped in the adults in their orbit. But the show hasn't shown any interest in the high school set since Reed was gaga for Mattie and Charlie was crushing on Shauna — two tales that fizzled without ever really gaining traction, and ended with the characters leaving town. The addition of Jared, the family-less 18-year-old being mentored by Devon, Elena, Amanda and Nate, could be a promising start to shoring up the younger set, and characters like Katie and Johnny could be aged to give him a group of peers. There is poignant story to be mined from teen angst; Y&R should take advantage.

thumbs up!

GENERAL HOSPITAL

More To The Story

Ned and Olivia have been getting a shocking amount of screen time lately — and that is a very good thing. Wally Kurth and Lisa LoCicero's easy chemistry as on-screen spouses is a breath of fresh air, but we've become accustomed to it functioning as a story's window dressing, not its focal point. In recent weeks, however, both the tension between the duo (over his ELQ intensity and treatment of Brook Lynn, and her feelings of emotional neglect as she struggles over Dante's absence) and their strong love for one another (as she talked some Brook Lynn-related sense into him and stayed by his side when his daughter was stabbed) have been beautifully showcased where we least expected it: the front burner. These talented players more than deserve the focus they're getting, and the on-screen results — by turns fiery and tender — speak for themselves. We hope this proves not to be an anomaly, but evidence of a renewed focus on an underserved but utterly charming duo. □

Second **Opinion**

I have been craving a strong storyline for GH's Liz and Franco for what feels like forever. After my "Friz" heart was so battered and bruised by the "Franco becomes Drew" mess of 2019, I thought the idea of a quadrangle of sorts with Nikolas and Ava had potential. But as it got underway, I was slow to invest, namely because I side-eyed their sudden financial woes (I remember that big, fat check Franco got for his show at Ava's gallery!) and found it extremely hard to swallow that after losing her husband to another man's memories and personality for months on end, Liz would sweat the small stuff (Franco's accidental diss about her not being a "real" artist) the way she was. When the show resumed production, I was pleased that this tale got a much-needed dose of humor (Liz and Franco testing Nikolas and Ava, respectively, to see which one of them was trying to bust up their happy home), and to see the Webber-Baldwins being presented as a united front. Heck, I can even buy Nik being so cavalier about the prospect of a Liz/Franco split because he was "dead" for their entire courtship. But now, my biggest issue with the story is the pace. Nikolas and Ava are clearly playing the (very) long game here, because after a promising restart, the characters — and this plot — disappeared for weeks. To complete its positive turnaround, the story needs to actually be told. Enough with the bite-size morsels — I want a meal!

— Mara Levinsky

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It's Only My Opinion

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■ Remember love triangles? A viperous third party could break up a supercouple like *that*, but lately the obstacles have been messy quadrangles, parents butting in and ... death.

■ DAYS had a good threesome going with Gabi, Jake and Gwen so there was no need to add a fourth player.

Gwen *(to Jake)*: “You had sex with Gabi because I kissed Chad.”

Gwen flatters herself. Jake and Gabi sparked way back when they visited his mother Vivian in prison and were headed for a fiery romance. But Gabi went *poof* and Gwen is too new to carry a love story we care about.

Jake *(to Gwen)*: “We have to break up.”

Hurry back, Gabi!

DAYS's hottest couple, Ben and Ciara, flamed out when she “died”, so now his life is all smoky montages of what could have been and getting hypnotized. You are getting sleepy...

On the bright side, Philip has returned to hopefully form a triangle with Belle/Shawn and/or Xander/Sarah. He'll definitely wreak havoc at Titan, thanks to dear old dad.

Victor *(to Xander)*: “You and Philip will be co-CEOs.”

I can't explain B&B's quintangle because it changes from day-to-day.

Victor's indecision led to a put-up-your-dukes moment between the battling cousins in the Kiriakis living room which begs the question: How's Philip's artificial leg?

■ Y&R is using an artificial murder (a stranger Adam offed 30 years ago) to cause trouble for Adam and Chelsea, with sudden therapist Sharon thrown in to stir the pot. Sharon's boyfriend Rey is mad that she wants to “save” Adam which would make this a quadrangle except that Rey's more of a caretaker than a love interest (reminding Sharon to eat and take care of herself). Sharon would be *much* more effective in Nick and Phyllis's orbit, rolling her eyes at Escape Club and bringing Phyllis down a peg or two when she says things like, “Why do I have to be modest when I'm great?” Nick and Phyllis are cruising along with no drama (for now), focusing on their daughter and being funny.

Kyle: “There's something we want to tell you.”

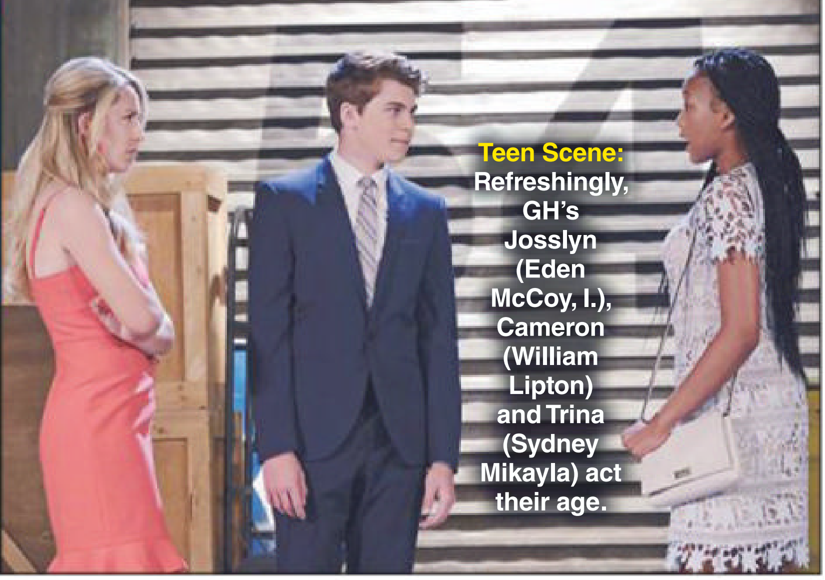
Phyllis: “Ugh, you're engaged.”

Nick: “Are you pregnant?”

Phyllis: “Or both?!”

No, just moving in together. Summer's parents are the only barrier to her shacking up with Kyle since Y&R dropped Lola from that triangle like a hot potato off a food truck. What happened to her? One minute Lola is talking achingly about Kyle to Mariah and the next she's hopping into bed with his smarmy friend.

Lola *(to Theo)*: “You know



Teen Scene: Refreshingly, GH's Josslyn (Eden McCoy, l.), Cameron (William Lipton) and Trina (Sydney Mikayla) act their age.

XJ JOHNSON/JPI

what would be really great? If you could help me find my bra."

Are Kyle and Theo still related? Please advise. And does *anyone* remember that Summer gave Lola a kidney last year? Lola can only glurg champagne with Theo because she got a piece of her romantic rival — literally.

If I had one wish for Y&R it would be to acknowledge all the body parts characters have given to each other. Paul got a liver from his sudden son Dylan; how's his health? Billy donated his daughter Delia's corneas to Chelsea's son Connor — why not play Billy and Chelsea together? And, drumroll please: Traci donated her daughter Colleen's heart to Victor. Ashley should come between Victor and Nikki again via an attraction they can't quite explain — his Abbott heart!

■ I can't explain B&B's quintangle because it changes from day-to-day. A desperate negligée-sporting Brooke finally convinced Ridge to come back to her and then told Bill she'd always love him. Ridge overheard but missed the part about how he was Brooke's "destiny" so he ping-ponged back to Shauna, while Bill dropped his efforts to reclaim Brooke's sister Katie and galloped over to Brooke.

Bill: "Get back on your stallion and ride back to the future with me."

To quote Y&R's Phyllis, *Ugh*. The only person with honest feelings in this whole story is Katie, who has burned for Bill all along. Well, since she broke up with his son Wyatt in 2018 (a connection they never play, don't get me started).

Katie *(to Bill)***:** "The problem is that you want my sister."

Now *that* was a triangle.

■ The Nelle/Michael/Willow trio was firing on all cylinders on GH for awhile.

Nelle *(to Michael)***:** "You said you loved me but you never stood up for me."

That's true. Michael let Mommy Carly fight all his battles right up to the "end" when Nelle went over a cliff, leaving Michael and Willow in a distant quadrangle with Sasha and Chase. Dudley Do-Right now wants to come clean that he and Sasha faked their affair.

Sasha: "And then what?"

Good question. Even the kids are joining the Quad Squad with Josslyn telling Trina that Dev said Cameron liked her. (That's so high school! Oh wait, they're in high school.)

Trina: "This is a conversation you should be having with Cam."

Josslyn: "That sounds like fun. 'Hey Cam! Word on the street is that you like me. Is that true?' "

Trina: "You would never say 'word on the street.' "

Trina 'fessed up that she and Cam kissed but vowed "stupid boys will never come between us" — which means they will. Drama stretches across all generations.

Which brings us to Alexis, who *finally* let her guard down with Neil and later found him dead in her bed.

Alexis *(to Sam)***:** "We went for it. A lot. It was great. Apparently too great, because I wore him out. One night with me and he's dead."

Death is an obstacle that's hard to recover from, but it *was* refreshing to see a 60-something grandmother kill a virile younger man in bed. For a powerful love triangle, you can't beat Alexis, Neil and her libido.

■ Hey. It's only my opinion. ☐

information station

Q I really liked the dresses Nina [Cynthia Watros, r.] and Carly [Laura Wright] wore when they were interviewing people at the Nurses' Ball on GH. What can you tell me about them? Thank you.

Rachael T., via email

A Nina wore a dress by Ellie Wilde — EW120012 Glitter Stone Accent V Neck Mermaid Gown — and it's available at couturecandy.com for $519. Carly wore a Rickie Freeman for Teri Jon Puff-Sleeve Lace-Bodice Taffeta-Skirt Shirtdress, which is being sold at Neiman Marcus for $695.

PHOTOS: ABC

face value

Actress and professional photographer Denice Duff (ex-Amanda, Y&R; ex-Wendy, DAYS) talks about her new line of natural skin care products called IN YOUR FACE.

Why did you decide to put out your own line of skin care products? "When I was in my late 20s, my talent manager, the late Jay Bernstein, referred me to a Beverly Hills dermatologist, who prescribed Accutane for my Italian skin. I was unaware of how drying it was and stopped after six months. I needed to get that dewy hydration back to my skin, and my formula is 100 percent natural with organic pressed oils and phytonutrients to quickly repair dehydrated skin without having to go for pricey spa treatments. I originally only intended to sell the one face cream, but the feedback was more than I could have imagined, and the natural progression began after, 'What else do you have?' "

How long have you been interested in skin care? "When I was 12 years old, I started making my own facials and creams and giving them to the women in our apartment building. My single mom couldn't afford luxe skin care, but taught me if it's

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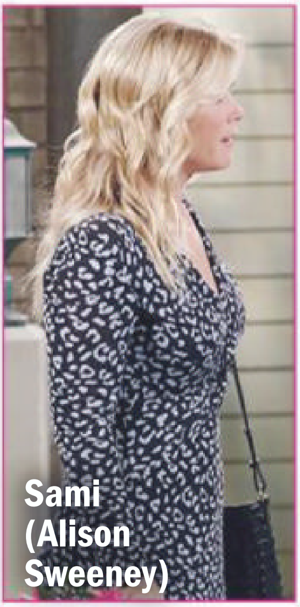
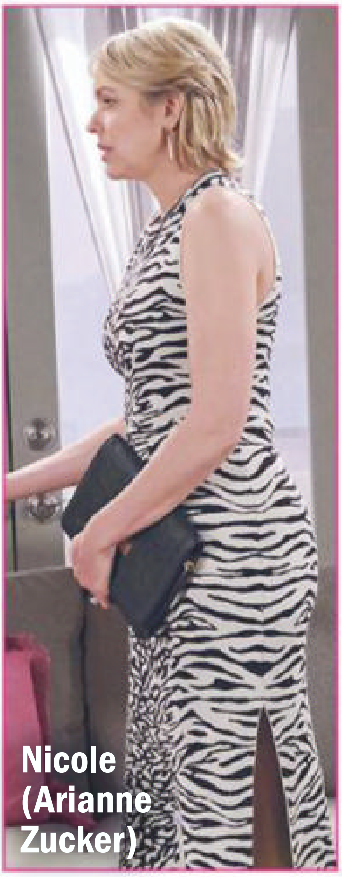
fit for prints

Animal patterns continue to be popular in Salem.


Sami (Alison Sweeney)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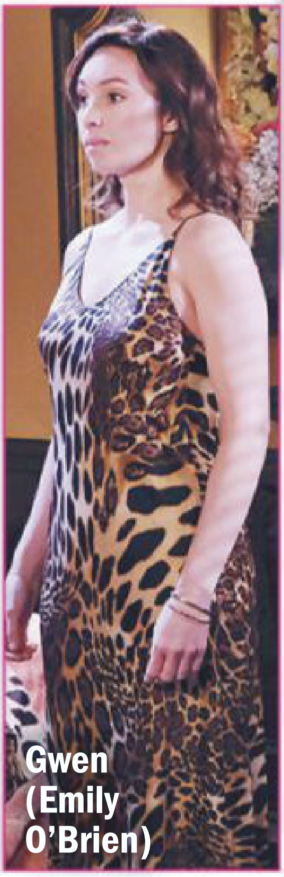
Gwen (Emily O'Brien)

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good for your body, chances are it's good for your skin too. Avocados, olive oil, oatmeal and honey were my first ingredients and I was hooked. I found myself in makeup trailers on TV and movie sets, and learning what artists looked for in skin care. As my photography career started to grow, I was staring at skin all day, and again, I asked these women 'What do you use?' By the time I was 45, I had my 'super cream' wish list of ingredients."

IN YOUR FACE CREAM
IN YOUR FACE PLUMPING SERUM
IN YOUR FACE DEEP ENZYME CLEANSE
IN YOUR FACE MOISTURIZING WASH

How did you bring your products to market? "A friend was in town for a meeting with Amazon sellers and she knew I wanted to sell my skin cream, but I didn't think it could be made in large enough quantities to go public with as [it] was so organic and natural. She made me call my botanical chemist who made my cream and I found out the answer was 'Yes'! It was a scary leap of faith."

How can our readers purchase your products? "By going to inyourfaceskincare.com and use the code SOD15 for a 15 percent discount."

NEW FEATURE

Highlight REEL

THORSTEN KAYE reflects on some of his storylines as B&B's Ridge.

By Tom Stacy

Building A "Bridge": Brooke (Katherine Kelly Lang) was on Ridge's (Thorsten Kaye) mind when he returned to Los Angeles in 2013.

PHOTOS: SEAN SMITH/JPI

MAKING AN ENTRANCE, 2013

When Ridge returned, he drove up in his Tesla to romantically offer Brooke a rose. What did you think of your entrance to B&B? "Yeah, it was very romantic. There are a lot of stairs along that waterfall, though. I wasn't ready for that. When they'd say, 'Let's do it again,' I'm thinking, 'Geez [*laughs*].' "

You had scenes early on with John McCook (Eric). What was that like? "Any story with John McCook is a great thing, and getting to watch him do what he does is a real treat. He is such a kind person and such a good actor and when he gets going, I'm just thrilled to be in the same room with him."

What was your initial impression of Katherine Kelly Lang (Brooke)? "I wasn't afraid that she'd be a diva; I just assumed that she would be. I've worked with plenty of them in my time. I was prepared for this woman who was going to tell me what to do and where to stand and what to say, and I was completely wrong about her, which was so, so nice. She couldn't have been kinder to me, and aside from being absolutely gorgeous and extremely talented, she's just a kind person. That is not a combination you find very often."

HER SISTER'S KEEPER, 2013-14

■ **Ridge's romance with Katie was unexpected, and it incorporated some of your real-life poetry. Tell us about that.** "I think there's a reason why Heather has 314 Emmys, because she can have chemistry with anyone, so I take no credit for that. I do take credit for the poetry stuff. I talked with Brad [Bell, executive producer/head writer] about romance and poetry and wine, and he took the poetry and made her do it, so I'm sorry, Heather. She had to learn some of that to recite and for that, I apologize."

And on their date with their sons, Ridge and Katie danced to street musicians, one of whom was Tom's real-life spouse, James Achor. "Oh, yeah, that's right. That was a fun day on the set. There's nothing better than dancing with a woman while her husband is watching."

Ridge gave Katie an engagement ring, which was basically a string tied around her finger. What was up with that? "Listen, I take all responsibility for that. There was a little teddy bear standing there and the romantic notion of that was, Ridge wanted Katie to be with him so badly that he can't wait to get a ring. He just wants to put something on layaway right now so no one else grabs her, and that was the only thing that was there."

SWEET CAROLINE, 2014-16

■ **How would you describe the love story with Caroline?** "First of all, it's all the present to me, and that's one of the tough parts about taking over a role from somebody else. You can do research but you really don't know what the relationships were. You really don't and that one, to have a beautiful young woman, who is twice as young as the guy is old, was interesting. I do think it worked but yeah, it's all about the age. I did have people say, 'You're too old for her,' so even though it was fun, it made me feel like I'd turned the corner many years before that."

You did have chemistry with Linsey (Godfrey, ex-Caroline). "Yeah, the word chemistry, I don't know what that is but if you write a good story and you get actors who kind of know what they're doing, you can create that stuff."

Their wedding at the beach was lush and very B&B. What

Stringing Along: Ridge presented Katie (Heather Tom) with a red string ring.

Just Beachy: Ridge and Caroline's (Linsey Godfrey) nups took place by the ocean.

did you think? "The team we have directing and shooting stuff, it's amazing what they pull off with the time constraints and budgets that they have. First of all, there is no bad day on the beach as far as I'm concerned. It was neutral space that just keeps changing with sand and water."

Ridge played a bit of a villain by not acknowledging Thomas was the father of Caroline's baby's. "First of all, I always seem to play the bad guy so I don't know when that went away. It's so much more fun than playing the good guy. But, I've got to tell you, I didn't see him as the bad guy. I felt that Thomas took advantage of this poor girl when she didn't want to be with him at all. He just took what he wanted and I think Ridge also knew that this would be the end of their relationship. If Thomas knew it was his baby, he would never go away. He did what he thought was best for the kid."

IN LIKE QUINN, 2016-17

■ **Next up is Ridge's affair with Quinn. What did you think of that twist?** "Betraying your father is a tough one. I don't know what to say about it. When I first heard about it, I thought, 'This is going to be a rough road for everybody,' and it was, but it has to be a rough road to be a great payoff. It is good drama but I have to say, some of it you just want to wash your mouth out afterward."

This story culminated with Eric disowning Ridge. You cried. How'd you prepare for an emotional scene like that? "In a situation like that, with all that emotion behind them, the words just take over and you just say what's written. Some situations, you know when you hear a song on the radio and it just makes sense to you? I think scripts are similar to that and if something makes sense to you, you don't have to go to your vocal coach or your piano teacher. It just becomes a part of you."

Right In Step: Ridge got too close for comfort with his father's bride, Quinn (Rena Sofer).

CHRIS D/JPI

MY NEW BRIDE, 2020

■ **In your current story, we've got a new triangle now with Denise Richards (Shauna).** "You've got to keep in mind that the 'Bridge' fans are divided on top of that division because they want Ronn Moss back. Denise [Richards, Shauna] is a lot of fun and listen, I think that's a storyline we have to talk about when it's over because I have no idea where it's going. I have no idea."

What was your reaction to the Ridge/ Shauna quickie wedding in Vegas? "I think Ridge was definitely over-served, and chose to be over-served, and still made decisions. No one was forcing him. Yes, the texting was a little dodgy but for the most part, this was something he did, and he needs to take responsibility for that."

Quinn is preparing for a big re-wedding. "Quinn has always been a meddler. This is not news. Quinn wants what Quinn wants." ☐

Lady Of The Manor: Shauna (Denise Richards) became Mrs. Ridge Forrester after a wild night in Vegas.

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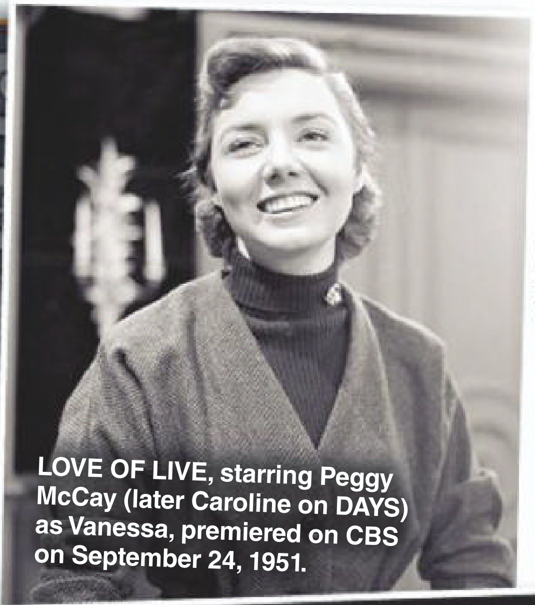
THIS WEEK IN SOAP OPERA HISTORY

***Digest* looks back on standout moments from the past.**



LOVE OF LIVE, starring Peggy McCay (later Caroline on DAYS) as Vanessa, premiered on CBS on September 24, 1951.

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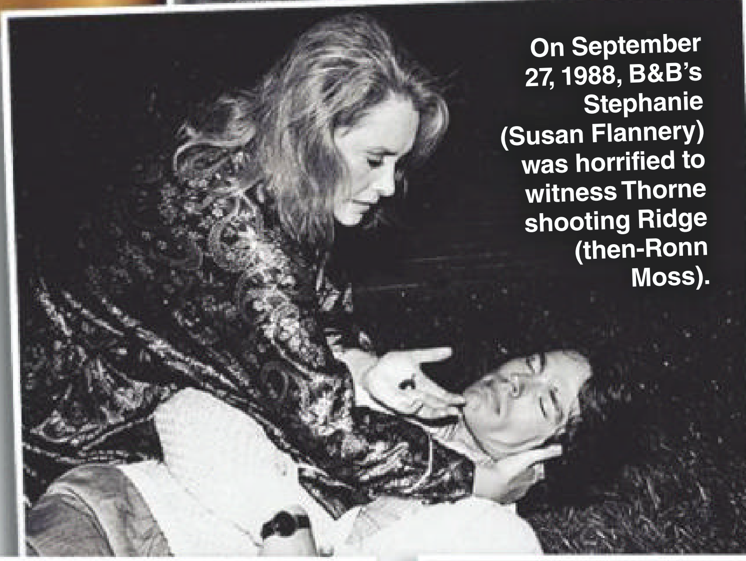
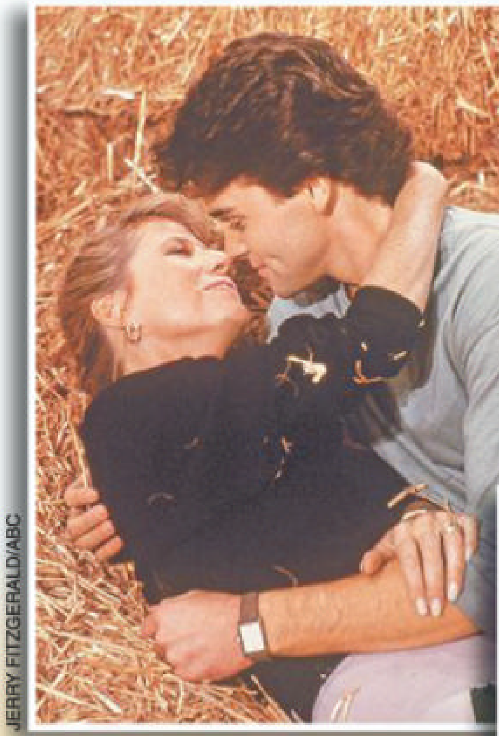


On September 27, 1988, B&B's Stephanie (Susan Flannery) was horrified to witness Thorne shooting Ridge (then-Ronn Moss).



JERRY FITZGERALD/ABC

GH's Monica (Leslie Charleson) bedded a tennis pro named Ward on September 21, 1988 — only to later learn that he was actually hubby Alan's nephew, Ned (then-Kurt Robin McKinney).

ABC

On GH, Sonny left Brenda (Vanessa Marcil) at the altar, then left town, on September 22, 1997.

RICK ROWELL/ABC

JOHN PASCHAL/JPI

B&B's Ridge and Taylor (Hunter Tylo) welcomed their twin girls, Phoebe and Steffy, on September 21, 1999.

PATRICK WYMORE/ABC

On September 22, 2011, GH's Jason (Steve Burton, far r.) and Sam (Kelly Monaco) tied the knot at the Noodle Buddha on GH, with Robert (Teddy Chen Culver) officiating.

After a nearly 41-year run on ABC, ALL MY CHILDREN's final episode aired on September 23, 2011.

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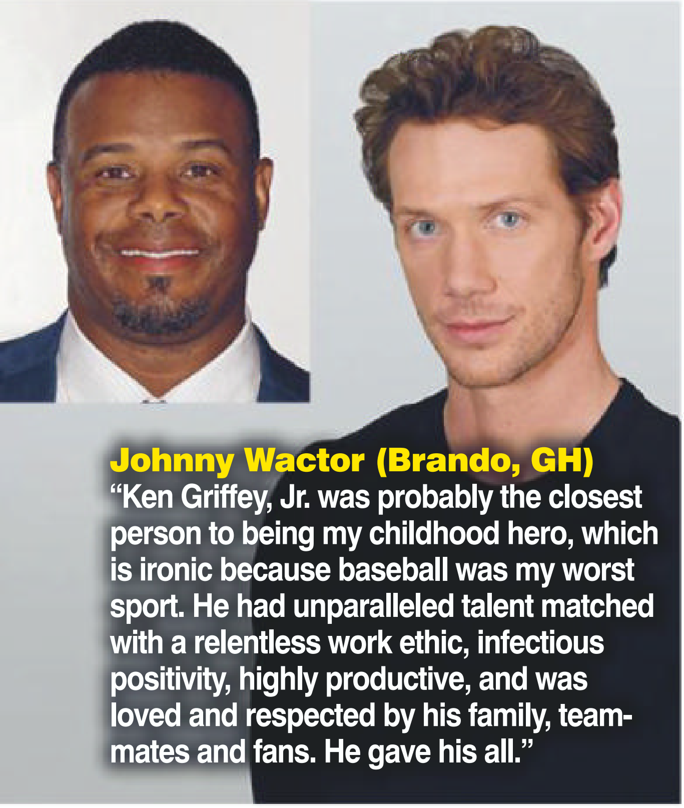
DAYS's Ben (Robert Scott Wilson) was revealed to be the Necktie Killer on September 24, 2015.

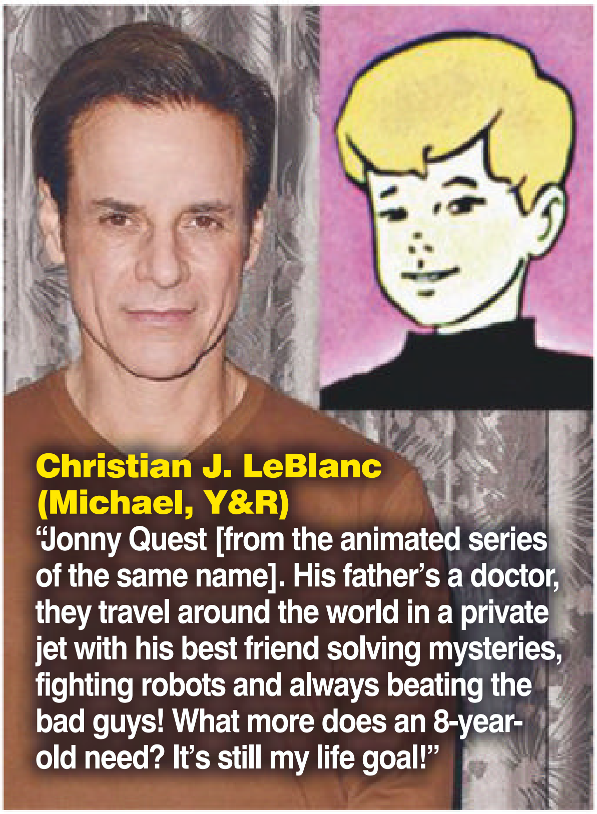
Q roundup

Aside from family members, who



Johnny Wactor (Brando, GH)
"Ken Griffey, Jr. was probably the closest person to being my childhood hero, which is ironic because baseball was my worst sport. He had unparalleled talent matched with a relentless work ethic, infectious positivity, highly productive, and was loved and respected by his family, teammates and fans. He gave his all."

JIM WARREN; KCR/SHUTTERSTOCK



Christian J. LeBlanc (Michael, Y&R)
"Jonny Quest [from the animated series of the same name]. His father's a doctor, they travel around the world in a private jet with his best friend solving mysteries, fighting robots and always beating the bad guys! What more does an 8-year-old need? It's still my life goal!"

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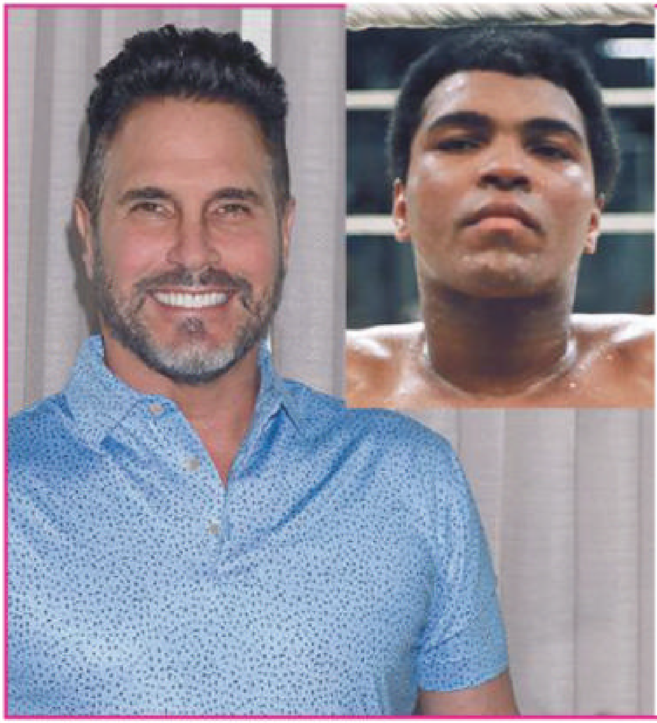

KATHY HUTCHINS/HUTCHINS PHOTO; COLORSPORT/SHUTTERSTOCK

Don Diamont (Bill, B&B)
"I was a huge Muhammad Ali fan growing up. I was a big Joe Namath fan growing up. I suppose it was really athletes I related to, but when I ended up getting the opportunity to meet Muhammad Ali when we were both doing that TV special THE NIGHT OF 100 STARS, it came to fruition. I knew we were going to be in the same space but I didn't know for sure that the meeting would happen. That was a huge highlight of my life, and the fact that we actually became such close friends really blew my mind, and does to this day."

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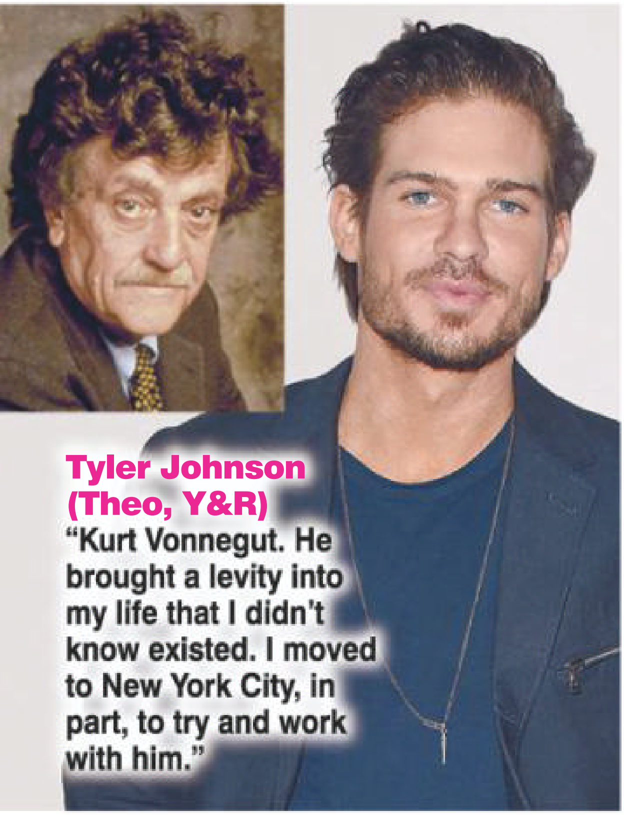
was your childhood hero and why?



Tyler Johnson (Theo, Y&R)
"Kurt Vonnegut. He brought a levity into my life that I didn't know existed. I moved to New York City, in part, to try and work with him."

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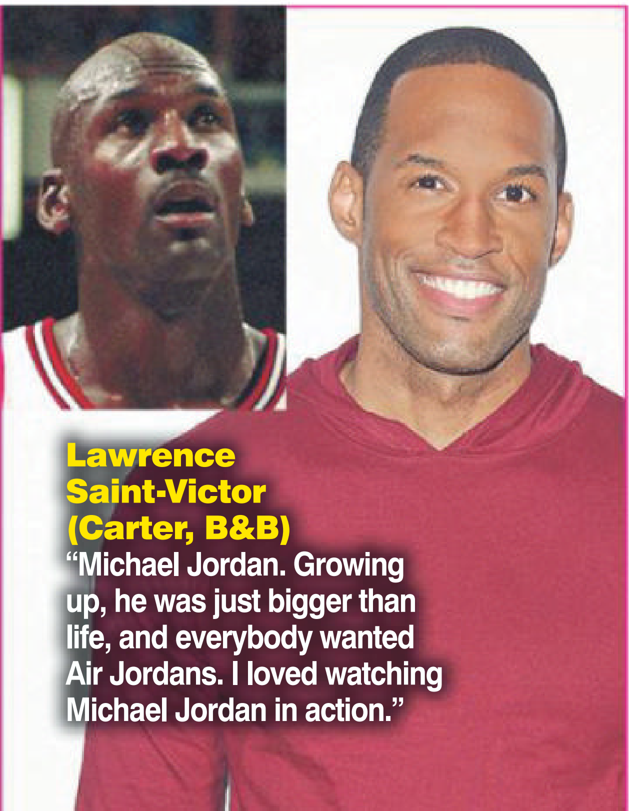
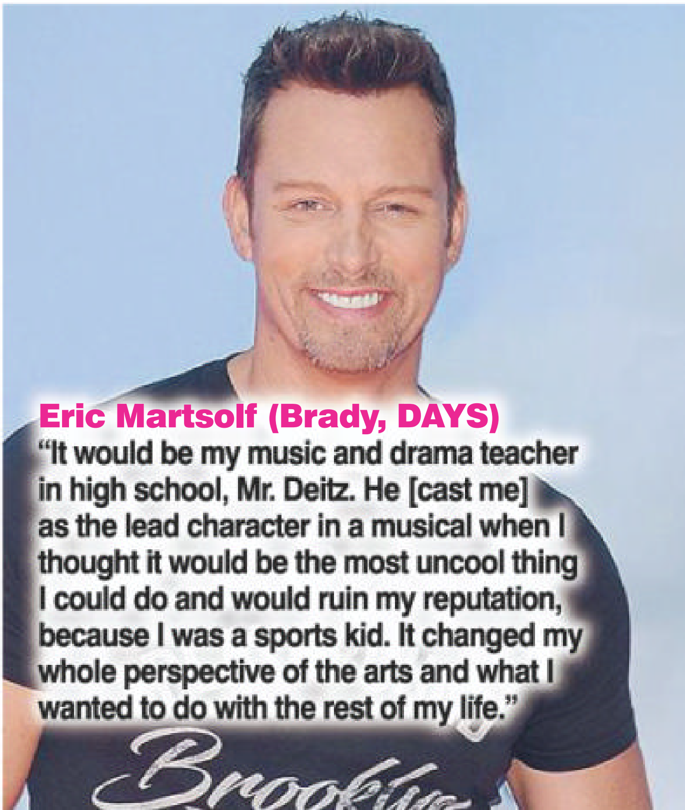
Annika Noelle (Hope, B&B)
"I really loved Nancy Kerrigan. Growing up and watching her at the Olympics, and everything she went through, she carried herself with such poise and grace and strength. As a young girl growing up who also wanted to ice skate, she was someone I really admired at a young age. I even had a Nancy Kerrigan poster on my wall!"



Lawrence Saint-Victor (Carter, B&B)
"Michael Jordan. Growing up, he was just bigger than life, and everybody wanted Air Jordans. I loved watching Michael Jordan in action."



Eric Martsolf (Brady, DAYS)
"It would be my music and drama teacher in high school, Mr. Deitz. He [cast me] as the lead character in a musical when I thought it would be the most uncool thing I could do and would ruin my reputation, because I was a sports kid. It changed my whole perspective of the arts and what I wanted to do with the rest of my life."

crossword

BY DONNA HOKE

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ANIMAL TALES

ACROSS

1. *SHE ONCE BECAME A GERMAN SHEPHERD (PASSIONS)*
7. Faint from surprise, in slang
11. "___ fallen ..."
12. *ZOE'S LATE CAT (B&B)*
14. Doc bloc; abbr.
15. Guy's partner
16. *The Waste Land* poet
17. Tom's BOSOM BUDDIES role
18. DAYS's Starke
19. Oohed and ___
20. Classified real estate abbreviation
22. *WITNESS BIRD ON TWIN PEAKS*
25. Astern
27. French miss; abbr.
28. Cookie brand named for its flavor
30. Mozart's "*L'___ del Cairo*"
32. Football field measures; abbr.
34. Adam, at Newman; abbr. (Y&R)
35. TV series with sleuths Shawn and Gus
37. *PAMELA'S FORMER DOG (B&B)*
39. Wine: prefix
40. Enticing smell
42. "Good" cholesterol, briefly
44. Spelling of BEVERLY HILLS 90210
45. Number in a pair
46. Abbr. on Canadian highway signs
48. OWN creator
51. Corn growing formation
53. *Rocky* ___
54. GH's Wright (Carly)
55. ___ Lanka
56. Digital Hallmark greeting
57. *DAISY'S ALL MY CHILDREN CAT*

DOWN

1. *ONE NEARLY KILLED TONY (DAYS)*
2. A GH Jerome
3. Y&R and B&B creators
4. __ __ *and the Pussycat* (two words)
5. Margo's partner (AS THE WORLD TURNS)
6. DAYS's Zucker, to friends (Nicole)
7. *SNAKE THAT ALMOST KILLED CLARKE (B&B)*
8. ATWT locale
9. "I didn't need to know that!"; abbr.
10. *VICTOR'S FORMER DOG (Y&R)*
13. *Abbey* ___, Beatles album
21. *TODD'S PARROT (ONE LIFE TO LIVE)*
23. Thorne's late daughter (B&B)
24. "One thing __ __ another" (two words)
26. One-time GH mayor
27. GH commish
29. Slick, like winter streets
31. GH's Watros (Nina)
33. Actor Alastair
35. *NICOLE'S FORMER DOG (DAYS)*
36. *NATALIE'S DOG*

Answers can be found in the next issue.

sudoku

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(AMC)
38. GH's West
41. TV's Kelly (ex-Hayley, AMC)
42. *BROOKE RODE ONE TO TAYLOR AND RIDGE'S WEDDING (B&B)*
43. GL family name
47. Photo
49. "Aye, there's the ___"
50. Michael Sheen's character in *Twilight*
52. *Catch-22* pilot

ANSWERS FROM LAST ISSUE

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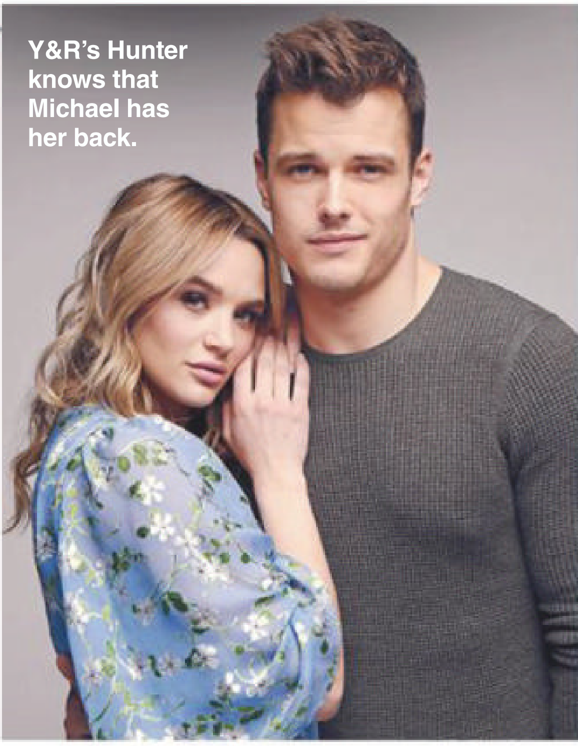

Y&R's Hunter knows that Michael has her back.

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CARRIED AWAY

Hunter King (Summer, Y&R) relies on **Michael Mealor** (Kyle) to give her a lift — sometimes literally. "I'm always falling on set so it was inevitable that I would do it with Michael," admits the actress. "While we were shooting a scene, I somehow rolled my ankle and I couldn't really put a lot of weight on my foot. I was also wearing heels, which made the situation a little tricky." Because King and Mealor can read each other so well, he realized something was off. "I don't know how he knew I was in some kind of trouble, but Michael luckily saved the day," King marvels. "We had to kiss and then back up, so without me saying anything, he was able to grab me, pick me up a little and walk me back. It was so effortless with him. I watched that scene later and you couldn't even tell what he did. I can be such a klutz. There are times when we're supposed to kiss on the lips and I land on his cheek instead. Once, we were still shooting, and I quietly whispered to him. 'Oh, my God. Do you think they can tell I just kissed your cheek?' I watched it again and I don't think anyone could read my lips to know what I was saying."

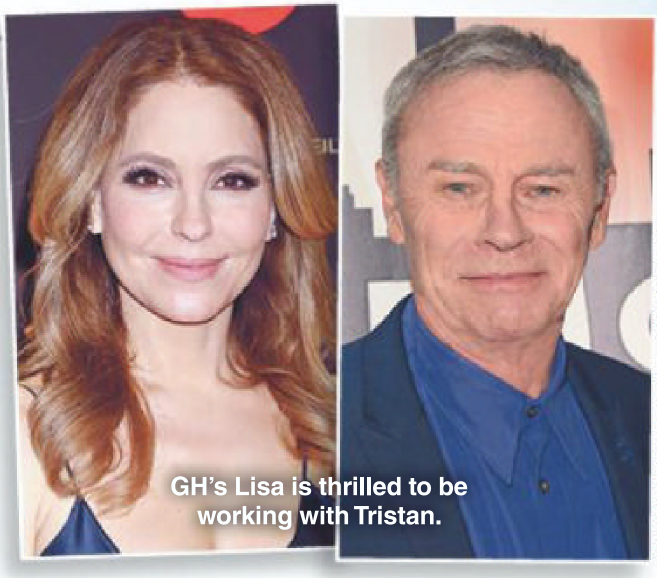
B&B's Jacqueline is ready for her alter ego to move on.

THE NEW NORMAL

After more than a decade of playing B&B's Steffy/Liam/Hope love triangle, **Jacqueline MacInnes Wood** (Steffy) is adjusting to life without her scene partner **Scott Clifton** (Liam). "I love Scott and I love working with him, but for Steffy to finally get a real love interest that she's not sharing with someone else? That's really exciting," enthuses Wood. "Obviously, I don't ignore the fans. We've got great 'Steam' fans and great 'Still' fans, too. I know what they want and obviously **Brad** [**Bell**, executive producer/head writer] is listening. It's time for Steffy to dive into something that is new and fresh. As I said, it's wonderful to work with Scott but it's time. It's time to go on this journey [with] **Tanner** [**Novlan**, Finn], who is absolutely wonderful. But while it is exciting, it's also bittersweet because now that Steffy does have a new love interest, we've got to be eight feet away from each other. I'm like, 'Come on!' It's almost like, 'Steffy gets a new love interest, but it's actually a doll [*laughs*]!' "

SCORPIO RISING

Lisa LoCicero (Olivia, GH), who was a diehard fan of **Tristan Rogers** (Robert) when she watched the show decades before joining it, cannot believe her good fortune to find herself in a storyline with him. "Right before we shut down [production due to the coronavirus in March], I was like, 'Dude. I think there is going to be some adventure between Olivia and Robert Scorpio, and the universe would not be so cruel as to take this away from me! It cannot happen!' It was right in the middle of shooting big scenes I had with Tristan and **Wally [Kurth**, Ned] that we got called to the floor and they told us we were [shutting down]. I said, 'I hope I don't become a trivia question: Who are the last two characters to kiss on GENERAL HOSPITAL?' Because it would be me and Wally [*laughs*]! I am very happy that that is a piece of trivia I am not associated with." Working with Rogers more than lives up to her high expectations. "He's got a great sense of humor. He has that very been-around-the-block energy to him and a rakish charm. He seems like the kind of guy you could tell your worst secret to and he'd go, 'Yeah, I get it.' He's always going to have those twinkly blue eyes and that wry smile and that amazing accent. He's just as cute now as he was all those years ago."


GH's Lisa is thrilled to be working with Tristan.

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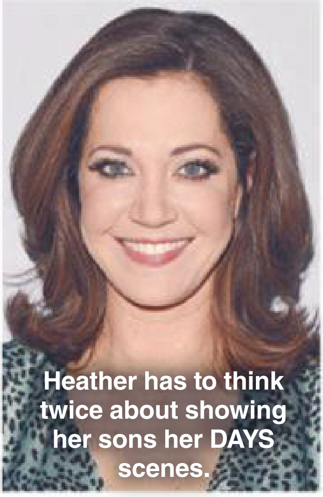
FRIGHT SIGHT

Being an actress, a real estate agent and a mom to sons **Desmond**, 8, and **Beau**, 6, is all in a day's work for DAYS's **Heather Lindell** (Jan). "I don't know what happened. I blinked my eyes and they went from babies to toddlers to big kids," she reports. "It's exhausting. Two boys that are close in age; I might as well have twins. They love hard but they fight hard and everything has to be equitable. Even though they're not the same age, they have to have exactly what the other has. I love them and they're everything. They're both really sweet kids." They didn't love her seeing her reprise the role of Jan in "Last Blast Reunion," however. "I made the mistake of showing them the 'Last Blast' because my husband and I were super-excited about it and we put it from our phone on the TV and the boys were super-freaked out by it and did not like it at all. They were like, 'Mom, what are you doing? It's so scary!' My older one, after I showed it to him, said, 'Never play that for me again.' They lit me pretty dark and everything was happening kind of in this underground lair where Jan was living and [she's] sitting there putting a bomb in a cake and acting all crazy and my older son, I think, was traumatized. He did not like it. I'm going to show them the network stuff and I think that they'll be really excited."


Heather has to think twice about showing her sons her DAYS scenes.

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(Gwen Rizczech)

Gwen & Now

DAYS's **EMILY O'BRIEN** is making the most of her return to daytime

BY JANET DI LAURO

Bringing wild, out-there characters to life has become the daytime norm for Emily O'Brien. A decade after her stint as the quirky, witchcraft-practicing Jana Hawkes on Y&R, the actress has landed at DAYS playing Jake's mercurial, offbeat girlfriend, Gwen. "Getting to play somebody who's kind of raw and scruffy, a misanthrope who doesn't really fit in very well, feels extremely comfortable for reasons that I don't know," chuckles O'Brien. "I really truly enjoy playing an outcast."

O'Brien, who insists she's "definitely quite centered and calm in real life," felt an instant kinship with the volatile Gwen. "She's different and quite unpredictable and much more dangerous, maybe I should say. She doesn't look or behave like most of the people in town, and that's really fun," says the actress. "There's more room to make a character colorful than if you're playing an ingenue or a straight character, and it's more interesting."

Since debuting in June, O'Brien has been enjoying the twists and turns Gwen's been taking, and the addition of comedy to the mix; specifically a few scenes she shared with Matthew Ashford (Jack) and Melissa Reeves (Jennifer). "I only worked with them once, but that was great fun," recounts O'Brien, noting that they were all "cracking up in rehearsal. It was a really nice dynamic between this hurricane [Gwen] that came into the room and this couple who were trying to enjoy a peaceful evening together. Scenes like those are real gems when you get them."

As are the opportunities O'Brien has had with her core group of DAYS co-stars. Namely, leading men Brandon Barash (Jake) and Billy Flynn (Chad) and on-screen nemesis Camila Banus (Gabi). "Brandon's so good and ready for anything," relays O'Brien. "Billy is a wonderful actor, too, and very open. That's what we're all looking for as actors. Spontaneity makes it fun. And Camila is on top of it, always ready to play. We have such good banter."

Having come to Salem after a long run in Genoa City, followed by a 10-year break from daytime, O'Brien felt prepared to re-enter the medium, knowing "it's extremely quick. But DAYS moves doubly quick," points out O'Brien. "On Y&R we did maybe an extra episode per week, and DAYS was doing two episodes per day. That was very overwhelming for me. Then I finally got the hang of it. It's taught me definite memorization skills and to just go with your gut."

O'Brien has followed that mindset often, like when she decided to pack her bags, head back to her native England, and enroll in the Guildhall School of Music & Drama

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JUST THE FACTS

Born: May 28

Hails From: Bedfordshire, England

Family Matters: "My sister, Natalie, is a costume designer and lives here in L.A. And my parents are in San Diego — Carlsbad by the Sea. They're close, so I'm very lucky."

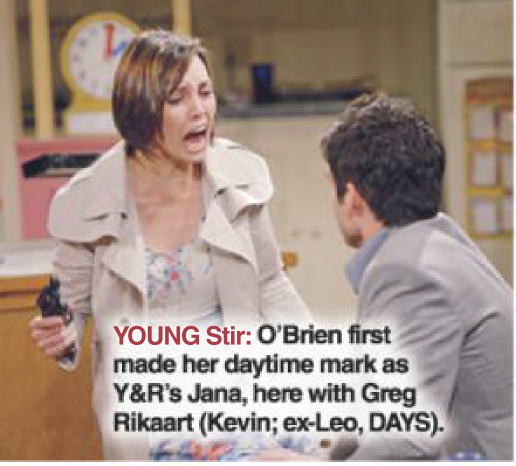
Also Known As: Y&R's Jana Hawkes Fisher, 2006-11

Must-See TV: "I loved watching THE MARVELOUS MRS. MAISEL, but that's done now. I'm currently watching SUCCESSION, although it's a little bit heavy at times, and OUTLANDER. That's something that my dad and I have been watching."

Parlez-vous français? "I lived in France for the summer after I left Y&R and studied French there. I had studied for 10 years already, but French is really difficult. If you're not speaking it every day it's very hard to keep up. I'm not 100 percent fluent, but I can speak conversational French."

As Time Goes By: "I do love clocks. I probably have two in every room. I love the sound of them and I love looking at them. It adds such a nice little feature, and it's better than looking at your phone all the time."

Making Music: "I started playing cello a year and a half ago, taking classes at L.A. Community College. I'm a horrible musician, and I'm pretty bad at the cello. I'm just in love with the sound. It's the closest sound to the human voice."



YOUNG Stir: O'Brien first made her daytime mark as Y&R's Jana, here with Greg Rikaart (Kevin; ex-Leo, DAYS).

SEAN SMITH/JPI

Make Me Laugh: O'Brien had fun mixing it up with DAYS's Melissa Reeves (Jennifer) and Matthew Ashford (Jack).

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to study Shakespeare after exiting Y&R in 2011. It was there, after all, where she spent the early years of her life being raised by a British father and a Persian mother. "My experience has been very colorful and very fruitful," reflects O'Brien. "To be a mix of Middle Eastern and British, they're two different sides of the spectrum. I think I'm very fortunate. I also grew up quite confused, and I mean that in jest. In England, I was brought up Catholic and going to Catholic school. My mother is Jewish and Persian, and my dad, in respect to my [paternal] grandfather, said that he would become a Jew. But my dad's mother wanted us to be Catholic, so we [O'Brien and her sister, Natalie] went to Catholic school."

However, things changed — abruptly — when, at the age of nine, O'Brien and her family relocated. "When we moved to the States, all of a sudden I'm going to synagogue, and my mother's entire side of the family is here," continues O'Brien. "So I'd gone from dad and all the English side to coming here. But I'd spoken Farsi fluently, since I was a young child, so it was very easy to just mix with the family."

Mingling with other kids was another story. "Here I was with a little English accent and everyone was making fun of me," remembers O'Brien. "I didn't know how to fit in. So I said, 'I need to get rid of this [accent].' But then I went back to England and my friends there were like, 'What happened to your accent? You don't sound English anymore.' So there was some confusion growing up. I definitely had some trouble integrating myself with other girls my age."

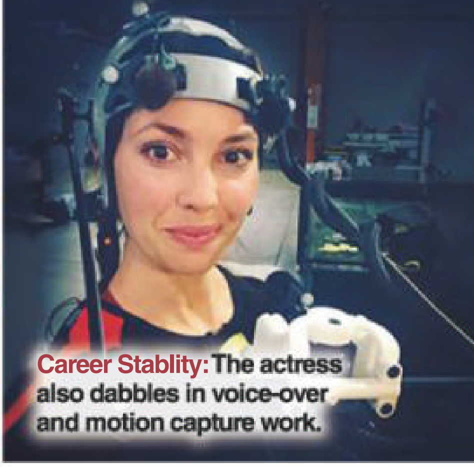
As the years have passed, O'Brien has come to appreciate her unique upbringing. "I love it. I embrace it," she says. "It's a huge part of who I am, and I speak Farsi every day when I speak to my family. I feel very cultured as a result of it, because I've been able to experience both sides and in two different countries. I've also found it's an asset to have another culture and another language to be able to switch between dialects as an actor. That's been very useful to me."

The dialects have come into play in O'Brien's voice-over and motion capture work, too. It's the career she's been making a living doing for the past decade, in video game projects like *The Lord of the Rings*'s *Middle-Earth: Shadow of Mordor*; *Death Stranding*; *Guardians of the Galaxy: The Telltale Series*; and the TV series LOVE, DEATH + ROBOTS for Netflix. "There are many video games with Persian roles," she notes. "In Telltale's Batman game I was a Persian character, and I recently did another video game where I was Persian. It's been very nice to be able to integrate that side of myself, because it had been rare up until the past decade or so."

O'Brien got to integrate the English side of herself in the animated musical fantasy comedy special TOM AND JERRY: WILLY WONKA AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY. "I played Veruca Salt, who's British, and got to sing 'I Want It Now'," she recounts. "That was really fun, because I grew up watching TOM AND JERRY."

Of course, she uses that British accent in her portrayal of Gwen on DAYS, a role she was eager to get back to when the soap

Family Circle: O'Brien is close with her parents and sister, Natalie.



Career Stablity: The actress also dabbles in voice-over and motion capture work.

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resumed production in September. "I find it very interesting, because she kind of came in with all these secrets," she points out. "You don't know where she came from, what her intentions are. I like that her one clear intention is that she loves Jake very much and wants to make sure he has a seat in the DiMera house. As the story has evolved and I've learned more about her, it's taken me by surprise a little bit. I don't know how much I'm able to say, but there's definitely more to her and that will start to unravel."

There's a lot more to O'Brien, too, who acts, sings, has a resumé full of voice-over work — and writes. A project she scripted, *Beatrice*, won Best Short Film in 2012 at the Big Island Film Festival in Hawaii. "That was really kind of an experiment to see if I could do it," admits O'Brien. "I ended up doing much better than I thought. I wrote and directed a second one called *Too Close* about a brother and sister in the 1950s that takes a close look at boundaries. And I've written a 1940s war story about two sisters isolated in a house waiting for their father to come back. I've written a few things that I'm trying to get out there."

In the meantime, she's delving into Gwen, and understands that she's not everyone's cup of tea yet. "Some people have reached out and are really enjoying her," notes O'Brien. "But it's funny, some fans are like, 'Keep your fingers out of your mouth. Why do you keep biting your nails?' I don't know how to explain that. It was written in the script on the very first day. I thought, 'There it is right on the paper. Gwen's a nail-biter.' So I'm not really ripping out my nails on set. If it's coming across that way though, that's a great thing." □

MAKING CONNECTIONS

O'Brien didn't feel like a stranger walking into the DAYS studio for the first time, because she already knew a few of her new castmates. Among them: Paul Telfer (Xander), and former Y&R co-stars Stephen Nichols (Steve; ex-Tucker, Y&R) and Stacy Haiduk (Kristen; ex-Patty/Emily, Y&R). "Stacy had also done a film with the cinematographer who did my short film, **Beatrice**," notes O'Brien. "And the director of **Beatrice**, Lance Dumais, is actually good friends with Paul Telfer. So that's how I knew Paul." While O'Brien has yet to work with the trio, "I have seen them and we've said hello," she says. And, in the interim, she's made a new pal on set. "I really like Marci Miller [Abigail]. She's wonderful. I feel very comfortable with her."

And, as a result, she's become someone she often chats with backstage. "I've been able to confide in her about a few things, just about my life," shares O'Brien. "Marci has a really beautiful, calm presence. I like that about her. She's very easy to talk to and very present and there with you. She really listens to you. I really appreciate it when I come across that, somebody who doesn't seem distracted and really listens to you."

classic lines

Forget YOUNG SHELDON! Some Of TV's Funniest Lines Are On Soaps

BOLD AND BEAUTIFUL

(Thomas checks in with Steffy's medical progress.)
Thomas: "I just want to make sure that you're advocating for yourself."
Steffy: "Have you met me?"

(Donna reminds Brooke that people spontaneously get married in Vegas all the time.)
Brooke: "What? No! Would you ever?"
Donna (*pauses*)**:** "The point is, that's why they invented annulments."

DAYS OF OUR LIVES

(While torturing Ben, Eve presents the wedding dress Ciara wore when she tied the knot with him.)
Eve: "I borrowed it from the Salem Inn. I assumed she didn't want to dye it and wear it to work."

(Justin cautions Sami about representing herself in court.)
Justin: "This is not a good idea. You need an experienced lawyer."
Sami: "I don't know, I've been on trial loads of times, so I think I have plenty of experience, and frankly, you're a lawyer, so it can't be that hard."

(Rafe is surprised to find his father in his house.)
Rafe: "Do you have a phone?"
Eduardo: "What?"
Rafe: "A phone. A telephone. It's a device that you use to call or text people to let them know that you're coming instead of breaking into their freaking house and tripping the alarm?"
Eduardo: "Yeah, I'm sorry."
Rafe: "Or maybe you could've called? Just once. Just once, right? That way, I could've congratulated you about being released from prison. What was that, a year ago?"
Eduardo: "Well, I didn't think you'd wanna hear from me."
Rafe: "Oh, yes, yes. Exactly. I would much rather discover you in my den in the middle of the day with the shades drawn."

GENERAL HOSPITAL

(In the hospital corridor, Valentin is on the phone when he notices Nikolas nearby listening in.)
Valentin: "Did no one ever teach you that it's impolite to eavesdrop?"
Nikolas: "Were you never taught not to make a clandestine phone call in a public place?"
Valentin: "Nikolas, that's where all the great clandestine calls are made."

(Ava visits with Nelle and Julian for the first time since their sudden marriage.)
Ava: "I'd offer to get you a set of steak knives from your registry but something tells me it wouldn't end well with either one of you."
Nelle: "Cash is perfectly acceptable, Ava. After all, we are starting a life together."
Ava: "Shall I leave it on the dresser?"

Make Room For Daddy: DAYS's Rafe (Galen Gering, r.) had a surprise reunion with Eduardo (A Martinez).

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so tweet

@seankanan (ex-Deacon, B&B)
Who would have guessed you could walk into a bank wearing a mask, ask for and leave with money and not get arrested?

TWITTER/KANAN

@dom_zamprogna (Dante, GH)
American girl dolls are creepy

@linseygodfrey (Sarah, DAYS)
"Aleda! I finally finished Auntie Kimberly's drawing for her birthday!!" "Where is mine?" "Oh.. umm.. it's.. I haven't.. I'm making one now!"

@camryngrimes (Mariah, Y&R)
I got a new bed topper and now I can't get out of my bed send help.

@haleypullos (Molly, GH)
it might be a bad thing that i relate as hard as i do to chloe on dont trust the b- in apt 23

@JohnMcCook44 @Eric, B&B)
Out in the yard again today.. hot and humid.. showered and shaved... I say, "Smell nice?" and she says, "..as opposed to the last three weeks, you mean?"...(Quarantine Challenge #7) (live and learn)

@Farah_Galfond (ex-Mimi, DAYS)
If you ask my 3yr old niece a question, any question at all... she replies with: "I'm not a talking girl." And I feel this on a very deep level. Feel free to use it in your daily life, in her honor.

check it out!

@krisalderson (ex-Kiki, GH)
Watched @HamiltonMusical for the THIRD time on @disneyplus and CRIED, again. and danced, AGAIN. And clapped after every song, AGAIN. And.... I just can't get over it

@MyJasonThompson (Billy, Y&R)
Mr @marcmaron. The first 10-12 minutes of the Sarah Snook #WTF pod is about as close to perfect I've ever heard. I laughed, I cried, your honesty hurts sometimes. I love eating popcorn with my wife. It's beautiful. Thank you. Buster is a lucky cat.

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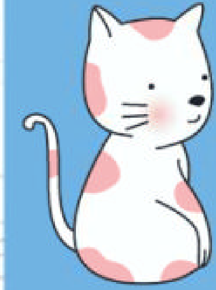
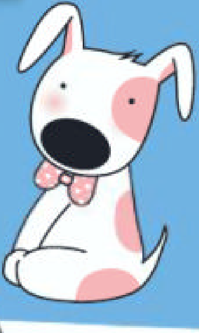
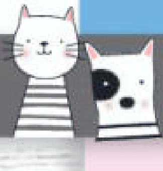
@sebroche (ex-Jerry, GH)
I hope more people across the world discover the extraordinary actor that is #OhJungSe he's up there with the greatest. #koreanactor



PET SET

Four stars show off their furry companions.



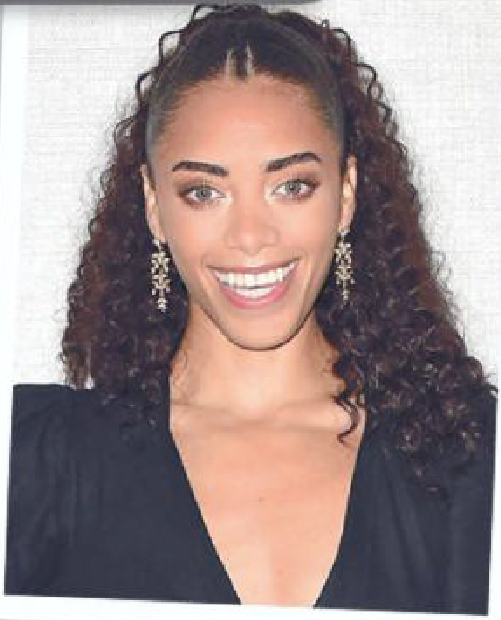


BOLD & BEAUTIFUL

Kiara Barnes

(Zoe)

Animal Attraction: "Luna was just a baby when I adopted her and I'm so glad I found her and we came together. She's huge now! Every few months, she keeps growing and growing. I'm like, 'How big is this cat really going to get [*laughs*]?' "



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How did Luna come into your life? "I actually ended up adopting her about a year ago from someone within our office here at B&B. I had been talking about wanting a cat for a long time and I was talking with Annika [Noelle, Hope]. Annika has a cat and Annika was like, 'I'll keep an eye out for you,' and then she let me know that someone up in the office had found this cute little cat over a break. This person had three or four cats at the time and she was like, 'I just can't take on an extra one,' and I ended up meeting Luna up in the office for the first time. I was super-nervous because I only had dogs growing up. I was like, 'I hope she likes me,' and almost immediately, she fell asleep in my arms and we just totally connected. The woman from the office was like, 'Oh, my gosh. That's so crazy because she's so skittish.' They found her in the bushes at the front of the house, just hiding in there. She must have gotten lost from her family."

How is she doing now? "She was definitely a little timid and skittish at first but she's been absolutely the best thing I've ever done. What she's been doing recently is she's been standing on her hind legs a lot more, and she'll reach up to grab her toys. She's tall as, like, maybe up to my knees standing. I don't really know what type of cat I ended up getting, but I love her. She taught me a lot."

How so? "I read something in a meditation book and they were saying that cats are the best example of how to approach life, because they're such relaxed creatures. They are curious, but for the most part, they really just go with the flow.

They don't really try to predict anything. They're just chilling. She's also definitely taught me a lot of patience."

Cats are also known to be pretty self-sufficient. "Yeah, which I love. I've never had any issues with her. When I first got her, I got her a litter box and she was probably only a few months old, but she knew what to do. I was in awe. As I said, I grew up with dogs and the training process of that and I realized, 'Wow! Cats really are self-sufficient.' I also like the fact that you don't have to entertain them the entire time. Sometimes they want to be around you. Sometimes they want to play, and other times they don't. They're like, 'Yeah, I just want to hang out by myself for a while,' and I'm the same way, so we get along really well!"

Was she originally called Luna, or did you name her? "No, she was originally named Bitty Kitty, or something like that, because she was so tiny. When I first got her, she was like, itsy-bitsy. She was *so* small. So, that's what we were calling her. When I was trying to figure out what I wanted to name her, I was thinking of names. I love all the stars, and I decided on Luna because I love the moon and I love the name."

You said you've had Luna for almost a year; any plan for a party to celebrate the anniversary? "I've already planned it [*laughs*]. Am I crazy? I don't know what has happened to me. My mom bought me these beautiful cat mugs with images that look exactly like Luna. I'm like, 'Okay, no one give me any more cat stuff because I will become the cat lady house.' I don't know if that's really my lane right now, but I'm pacing myself with the cat gear."

Go Your Own Way: Barnes appreciates Luna's independence.

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DAYS OF OUR LIVES

Alison Sweeney

(Sami)

Animal Attraction: "My dogs are all mutts. We have Ozzy, who is 13-ish, Bean, who is 8-ish, and Basil, who is about a year old."

Sweeney with (from l.) Ozzy, Bean and Basil.

PHOTOS: INSTAGRAM/SWEENEY

Have you always been an animal person? "Yes. I love animals and have always been an animal lover."

Did you grow up with pets? "I did. My mom loved dogs — my dad was more ... willing to put up with them. But yes, I had dogs around my whole life. We did have cats, too, at one point, but I was very allergic."

How did Ozzy, Bean and Basil come to be a part of your household? "We've rescued all three dogs. Ozzy we literally rescued — [my husband] Dave and I were driving down the street and saw Ozzy — no tags, clearly a street dog — just trotting along. Traffic was trying to avoid him but it was getting scary. I jumped out of the car and managed to get Ozzy to come to me. He's been with us ever since, which is seven or eight years now. He's the best. Bean we picked out at a city shelter and Basil came to us from a great rescue called Rover's Retreat. Basil was meant to just be a 'foster dog' but ... we fell in love with her right away. We couldn't give her up!"

How did you name them? "Ozzy we named for finding him on Osborne Street. Bean was a name we settled on as a family because she was such a jumping bean when we first got her; she could jump up on anything and it just stuck. Basil was named by the rescue and we kept it."

Describe their personalities. "Ozzy is super-mellow. Also 'cause he's older now. But he has always been very protective of us, he barks at anyone who walks by ... he takes his responsibilities seriously. Bean is much more timid. She's definitely tentative and scared of new people, but once she adapts to having someone around, she loves to be petted and will demand it if you get lazy and try to stop petting her before she's ready. Basil is just the sweetest — she's the first 'puppy' we've had in our house, because Ozzy and Bean were adult dogs when we rescued them. Basil is just so sweet and loving and she attached to [my daughter] Megan right away."

How did Basil adjust to the household? Were you worried about bringing a third

"Ozzy is super-mellow.... Bean is much more timid," says Sweeney of her pups.

dog in? "We were worried at first, but we introduced them outside, away from their 'territory' so that hopefully it wouldn't be such a big issue. And we made sure to give Ozzy and Bean lots of attention so they didn't feel left out. Basil adjusted actually very easily. The only issue was at feeding time and we made sure to separate them until they adjusted to each other."

How do the dogs get along? "The dogs get along well. Ozzy and Bean are a little older now, so when Basil tries to play with them, they kind of ignore her."

Do members of your family have favorites, or do the dogs have favorites? "Ozzy is really Dave's dog — Ozzy just sort of attached to Dave from the beginning. Wherever Dave is in the house, you can be sure Ozzy is in the same room. Bean really connected with [my son] Ben from the beginning. It's sweet, she doesn't really want to play with Basil but she does sometimes get the 'zoomies' and runs around the house chasing Ben. And as I mentioned, Basil is just totally attached to Megan. She wants to be wherever Megan is all the time."

How you you divide the care of the dogs in your household? Who feeds them? "Ben and Megan share the daily responsibilities."

What are your favorite things about your pups? "How do I even answer that? There are so many 'favorite' things ... I love their personalities, their quirks. I love their energy and their unconditional love. And seeing them interact with the kids. That's the best."

What are your favorite activities to do with your dogs? "We like to take them for walks and hikes. We take them with us up to our cabin in the mountains and it's so cute to see those L.A. dogs adapt to the snow [*laughs*]. If you aren't careful, they'll just turn right around and come inside if it's too cold."

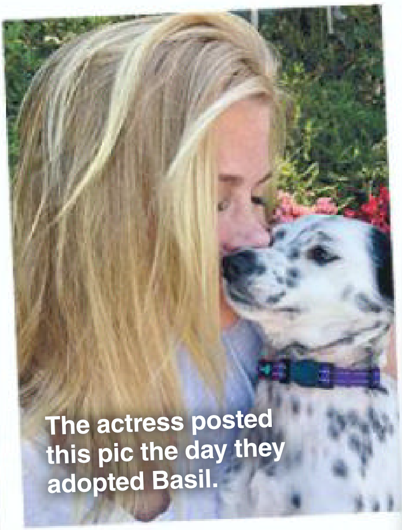
How do you spoil your dogs? "We spoil them with affection. We have kind of a fancy fresh dog food we get. Some people — I won't name names — give them table scraps, but I am very against that."

What's your favorite story about any of your dogs? "I suppose my favorite story is how we got Ozzy."

Do your pets sleep with you? "Yes. We tried at first to crate-train Ozzy. That just didn't work. Dave built a ramp so they could get up on the bed themselves."

Do your pets travel with you? "To locations we know will be fun for them too, yes."

Where do you stand on dressing your dog in human clothes? Have you ever dressed them up for Halloween? "We don't really dress up the dogs for holidays. One time I got our old dog, Winky, who's passed away, a Yoda costume which was hilarious. But that isn't really our thing."


The actress posted this pic the day they adopted Basil.

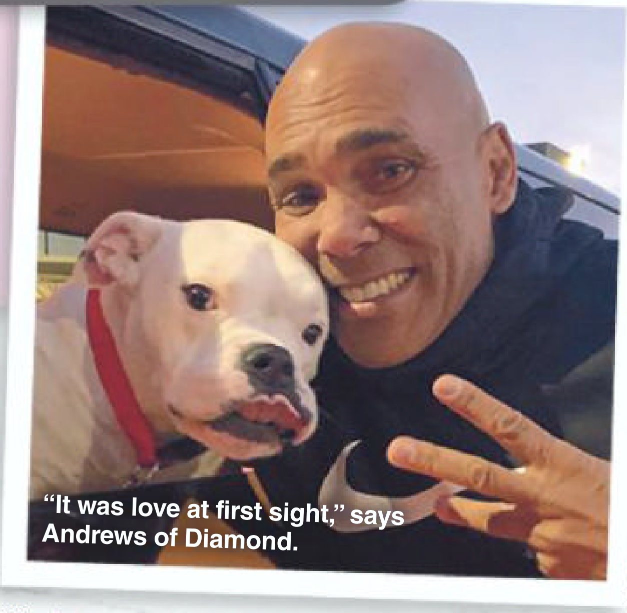
Sweeney's kids, Ben, 15, and Megan, 11, are responsible for feeding the dogs.

GENERAL HOSPITAL

Réal Andrews

(Taggert)

Animal Attraction: "Diamond is 3 and a British Bulldog rescue."


"It was love at first sight," says Andrews of Diamond.

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How did Diamond become a member of the Andrews family? "Diamond was being abused — beaten with sticks, cigarette butts burned on her and all that kind of craziness and somebody brought her by the house because I love dogs — and the minute I saw that little precious baby it was love at first sight. But the truth was I was still in the place of [late pet] Bear was our family dog and Bear was on his last legs. I wasn't sure how Bear would handle Diamond, so I wasn't down, initially. My wife talked me into it as Diamond being her dog, so she became a member of our family. But as you can see, me and Diamond bonded and she is really my BFF and mini-me."

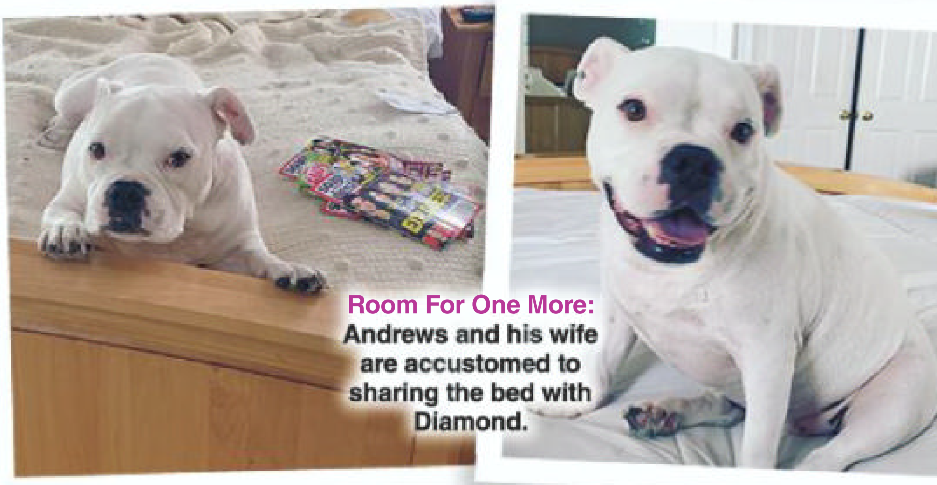
How did Diamond get her name? "Like I said, when Diamond came to us she was definitely a diamond in the rough — you know. skinny, scraggly, shy, very timid and afraid."

Describe her personality. "Well, she has an amazing personality. I mean, obviously, what I love about her the most is that she loves me unconditionally, no matter what. She's very in tune with me and I love her different facial expressions. I love how she's always at my side and has my back. She is also very jealous and protective over me. If my wife goes to hug me or kiss me, she goes crazy. It is pretty funny. I also love when I go for a car ride and I go, 'You wanna go bye-bye?' She starts running around all crazy doing 360-degree sprints, getting all fired up. It's so fun."

Is there anything about her personality that is challenging, or any behavior issues you've had to work on? "Not really. She barks, but hey, she is a dog!"

Is she a total daddy's girl or is she equally attached to your wife, Michele? "She is a total daddy's girl, 100 percent."

Does Diamond sleep in your bed? "Absolutely. She loves to sleep in our bed and she loves to do what we call 'baby in the middle' where she lies in between me and my wife. And then, of course, when she does


Room For One More: Andrews and his wife are accustomed to sharing the bed with Diamond.

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sleep in the bed, she usually sprawls out over the whole bed. She also has her chair, her favorite chair that sometimes she chooses to sleep on."

Fur Baby: "She's great with the kids [including Danika and Nathan, pictured] and she has unique relationships with each one," the actor says.

How do you spoil Diamond? "Any way I can!"

Does Diamond have a wardrobe (clothes, dress collars, etc.?), or are you anti putting dogs in clothes? "Yeah, Diamond is a bit of a diva, you might say, so she doesn't really get down with the clothing things. She likes different cool collars and stuff like that, likes to get her nails done and painted sometimes. But other than that, she's not having dressing up. I tried to put a #Taggertsback face mask on her and she ate it!"

She's your workout buddy, right? "Yes, absolutely. However, she likes to dictate the workout and tell me what to do and watch rather than participate. She also likes to put together the workouts for my [personal training] clients and decide if I'm giving them a hard enough workout or not."

What are your other favorite activities to do with Diamond? "I love taking her for car rides. I love when I'm at work at my desk or whatever; she loves to hang out right underneath my desk right on my feet. When I get up early in the morning, the first thing I do is kneel next to her and we pray and then she'll follow me downstairs where I have quiet time and hang with me. I also like to talk about ideas, visions and dreams because she gets me. And I can really dream big because there's no judgment, there's no dream-stealer, naysayer, negative attitude with her."

Do you have a favorite funny story about Diamond? "Definitely! One day I took Diamond to the Pico stairs [in Pico Canyon Park] with me that I run every day and she's a champion, running up and down three times, and I take her home and she's all fired up, so then I go to take her to the stairs again and she's all excited, she's in the car, she's jumping out of the car and we're walking along going to the stairs all happy, got a pep in her step, looking up at me like, 'Oh, this is so much fun, Daddy,' thinking she's just going for a walk — and the minute we turn the corner and she can see the stairs for the first time, she turns around and takes off like something was chasing her! Like, bolted right out of her collar, her little heinie was just shaking and she's looking back, running as fast as she can, she's going, like, 'Hell no, Daddy, I don't want none of those stairs. Last time you took me I couldn't walk for a week!' "

What's the best thing about having Diamond in your life? "Her unconditional love and having somebody get me and understand me, having somebody to hang with, who isn't looking for anything in return and just likes to be with me."

Anything else you want to say about Diamond? "Well, I do want to say that I did have to get special permission to do this interview and she does have photo approval because Diamond has become quite a diva now and she doesn't like pictures. It's crazy! Whenever I pull out the phone she literally knows I'm taking a picture and she's constantly telling me to call my agent Paula [Benard, wife of Maurice Benard, Sonny] — or *her* agent, Paula — and make sure that I have permission. She is getting more and more demanding and she's starting to request appearance fees and all kinds of stuff, so I'm not sure but I think I've created a monster [*laughs*]!"

Cait Fairbanks

(Tessa)

Animal Attraction: "Even though Millie is a black Lab mix, she looks just like a full-blood Lab. I adopted her when she was 10 weeks old and tiny and she's now 6 years old. She's very sweet and very devoted."

My Only Sunshine: Fairbanks and Millie on a sunny stroll.

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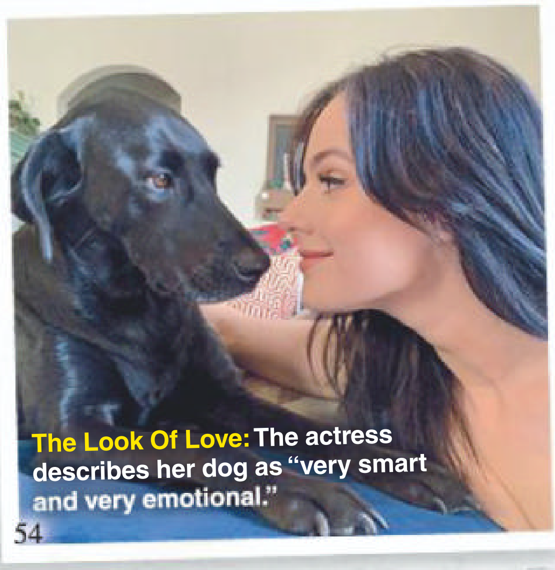
Were you always an animal lover? "Oh, yeah. My family were huge animal lovers and I grew up with practically a zoo. We had cats, dogs, turtles, reptiles and fish. At one point I had a crawfish that I brought home from school."

How did Millie come into your life?
"I was living in New York where I was performing in [the off-Broadway musical] *Heathers*. When we were done with rehearsals, I was only gone four hours at night to do the show, so I felt like I had enough free time during the day to have a dog. I was 20 and I was really ready for this. I was living with my brother and he was egging me on to get a dog. I saw one online that I really liked but when I got to the place, I was told she was adopted. I then turned around and Millie just came trotting in. She had a skinny little body with these big paws and I immediately said, 'That's my dog!' While I was signing everything, she was sitting at my feet whining and I thought, 'Wow, she's already attached. This is exactly what I need.' I need validation all of the time [*laughs*]."



The Look Of Love: The actress describes her dog as "very smart and very emotional."

How did you decide on her name?
"I really wanted to name her Billie after Billie Holiday but I had a friend whose dog was named Billie. I had already tried a bunch different names and Billie was the only one she responded to, so I decided to go with something that sounded really close."

Does Millie have any nicknames?
"There are so many but I can only say the ones that are appropriate. We call her Miller Light sometimes as well as Princess and Honey Bear. She has short bowel syndrome from a tumor she had removed a couple of years ago. She did okay but I was a mess about it. It was the first time that something I'm taking care of was in a dangerous situation. She's okay now, but since she had part of her colon missing, she doesn't have as good of a filter. She has really smelly farts, so we'll also call her Stinky."

What are her personality traits? "Where do I start? She's very smart and very emotional. She's very aware, so if I'm upset, she always stays by me. She's very patient and she's also very sassy. If I'm not petting her enough, she'll sit at my feet and bark. And she's always looking up at me when I'm not feeding her."

What kind of activities do you enjoy together? "She loves going on long walks and swimming in lakes and rivers. If I'm in the water, she'll jump in and swim around me like she's trying to save me. We haven't taken her to a dog beach yet because I'm nervous about other dog owners not being able to control their dogs."

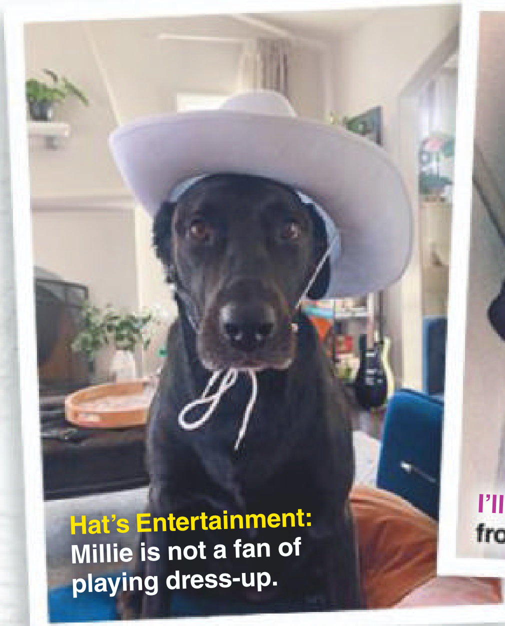
How do you like to spoil Millie? "I'll bake her treats, which she loves. She just looked up at me because I said 'treats' [*laughs*]. She likes to snuggle and I never had a dog who likes to snuggle as much as her. She waits by the bed and when I lay down, she spoons me. She'll stay there until I start moving, which bothers her, so she'll go to her own bed. She has a bed in every room. Oh, there's another way she's spoiled! She has beds all over my place."

What is your favorite story about Millie? "Well, this is more of a memorable one. The first night I had her, she was in bed with me and slept a little at first but then she woke up and wanted to play. So, I took her out to the hallway to run her around a little bit to tire her out so she'd go back asleep. I was really sleepy and when I was running with her I slipped on something and landed on top of her. She was little and yelped and I thought, 'Oh, my God. I've killed my dog.' I was too scared to look and was crying when she walked up to me and I put my head on her little head. Then all of a sudden, I got a whiff of poop and it turned out that's what I slipped on and I was just covered with it. But I held her and thought, 'This is what taking care of something means.' "

Does she travel with you? "Every so often. We went to Lake Arrowhead and brought her. It was fun and she loved it. I try to bring her with me as much as possible but she really likes to just be home. She'll get anxious sometimes when we go places because she's such a homebody."

How does Millie get along with your boyfriend, Zach [Tinker, ex-Fen]? "Millie definitely likes Zach. She's very wary in general of people and it takes her a long time to feel comfortable with someone. But she loves him. They wrestle and play really well together."

Where do you stand on dressing up dogs in human clothes? "Millie just doesn't like clothes, I can't even put a bandana on her. She doesn't even like her collar. I've bought her Halloween costumes but she'll only wear it long enough for a picture and then she pouts until I take it off."



Hat's Entertainment: Millie is not a fan of playing dress-up.

I'll Stand By You: Millie is never far from her owner.

calendar

events

Christmas Con
Cameron Mathison

Ho-Ho-Ho! Meet Cameron Mathison (ex-Ryan, AMC) in NJ.

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Who: ALL MY CHILDREN's Jonathan Bennett (ex-JR), Lacey Chabert (ex-Bianca) and Cameron Mathison (ex-Ryan); DAYS's Jen Lilley (ex-Theresa); GH's Ryan Paevey (ex-Nathan) and Jack Wagner (ex-Frisco); and Y&R's Melissa Claire Egan (Chelsea)
What: Christmas Con
When: Fri.-Sun., Dec. 11-13
Where: New Jersey Convention and Exposition Center, 97 Sunfield Avenue, Edison, NJ
How: Get into the Christmas spirit and meet some of your soap faves. For more info, go to thats4entertainment.com/new-jersey.

Who: DAYS's Stacy Haiduk (Kristen), Kyle Lowder (ex-Rex), Eric Martsolf (Brady), Christopher Sean (ex-Paul), Paul Telfer (Xander) and Jordi Vilasuso (ex-Dario; Rey, Y&R)
What: Samantha's Friends Presents Phantom of the Opera
When: Sat.-Sun., Jan. 30-31, 2021
Where: Lakewood Ranch Golf and Country Club, 7650 Legacy Boulevard, Bradenton, FL
How: Spend the day with the actors to benefit Southeastern Guide Dogs. For more info, visit samanthas-friends.org or call 941-518-3906.

Pennsylvania Pow-Wow: Y&R's Bryton James (Devon) and Brytni Sarpy (Elena) are headed to Pittsburgh.

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Who: Y&R's Melissa Claire Egan (Chelsea), Bryton James (Devon), Joshua Morrow (Nick), Brytni Sarpy (Elena) and Vilasuso.
What: Y&R Meet and Greet
When: Sun., June 6, 2021
Where: Pittsburgh Marriot North, 100 Cranberry Woods Drive, Cranberry Township, PA
How: Tickets range from $75-$235; for more info, go to coastalentertainment.com/events.

Who: GH's Laura Wright (Carly) and Wes Ramsey (Peter)
What: Meet and Greet
When: Sun., June 13, 2021
Where: Uncle Vinnie's Comedy Club, 518 Arnold Avenue, Point Pleasant Beach, NJ
How: Photo op and autographs included (limit 2). Visit coastalentertainment.com/events for tickets.

Who: GH's Leslie Charleson (Monica), Marcus Coloma (Nikolas), William deVry (Julian), Emme Rylan (Lulu) and Josh Swickard (Chase)
What: GH Fantasy to benefit the Sandy Rollman Ovarian Cancer Foundation
When: Sat., Sept. 18, 2021
Where: Helium Comedy Club, 2031 Sansom St., Philadelphia, PA
How: Event includes personal meet and greet, autograph and photo ops, and show with Q&A. Visit coastalentertainment.com/events for tickets.

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In this column, renowned astrologer and best-selling author Maria Shaw Lawson, who has offered advice on MR. PERSONALITY, BLIND DATE and SOAP TALK, tells those of you born under this month's sign what to expect for the next year.

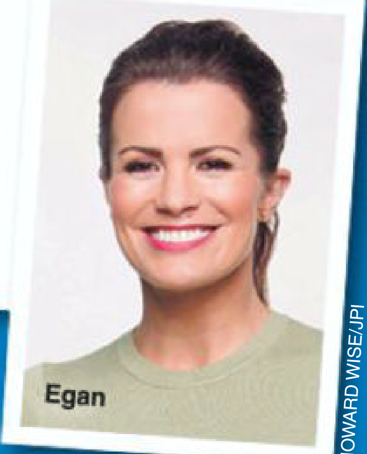
Happy Birthday, Libra!

(September 22 — October 22)

✱ The beginning of your birthday forecast looks furious, fast-paced and even a bit frustrating. Exciting Mars is opposing your sign, which could bring in new relationships. However, it will be moving backward until mid-November, which doesn't bode well for unions that are already rocky. Libra will choose to quit or commit. Your schedule and well-set plans could change during the same period, too. Patience and flexibility will be your strongest assets. The cosmos are kinder come January, when lucky Jupiter brings blessings throughout 2021. Be careful with overspending, though, as unexpected bills pop up. But you can expect some good luck financially, too, in the form of extra income from new sources. Someone may surprise you with a gift to travel to a beautiful destination, so keep your bags packed and be ready to hop a plane at the last minute. Home and family worries are becoming concerns of the past. Lady Luck shines on you in the late winter, and romantic encounters increase. Health improves, and you will have more energy than usual in the spring. Next summer, your career gets an extra boost, placing you on a fast track for success in 2022, when you reach a glorious and much-deserved peak.

Zodiac Sign Celebrants

Josh Taylor	(Roman, DAYS) 9/25
Melissa Claire Egan	(Chelsea, Y&R) 9/28
Vernee Watson	(Stella, GH) 9/28
Porter Fasullo	(Danny, GH) 9/29
Drake Hogestyn	(John, DAYS) 9/29
Wes Ramsey	(Peter, GH) 10/6
Marcus Coloma	(Nikolas, GH) 10/18
Jon Lindstrom	(Kevin, GH) 10/18
Hunter King	(Summer, Y&R) 10/20
Dick Christie	(Charlie, B&B) 10/21



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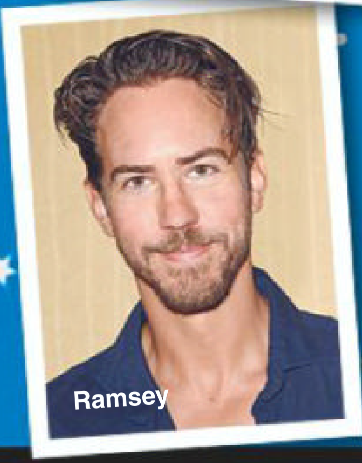

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DAYS OF OUR LIVES
Sami Brady

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Brando Corbin

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BOLD AND BEAUTIFUL
John Finnegan and Steffy Forrester

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Michael Corinthos and Willow Tait

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Carly Corinthos

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John Black

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Olivia Quartermaine and Robert Scorpio

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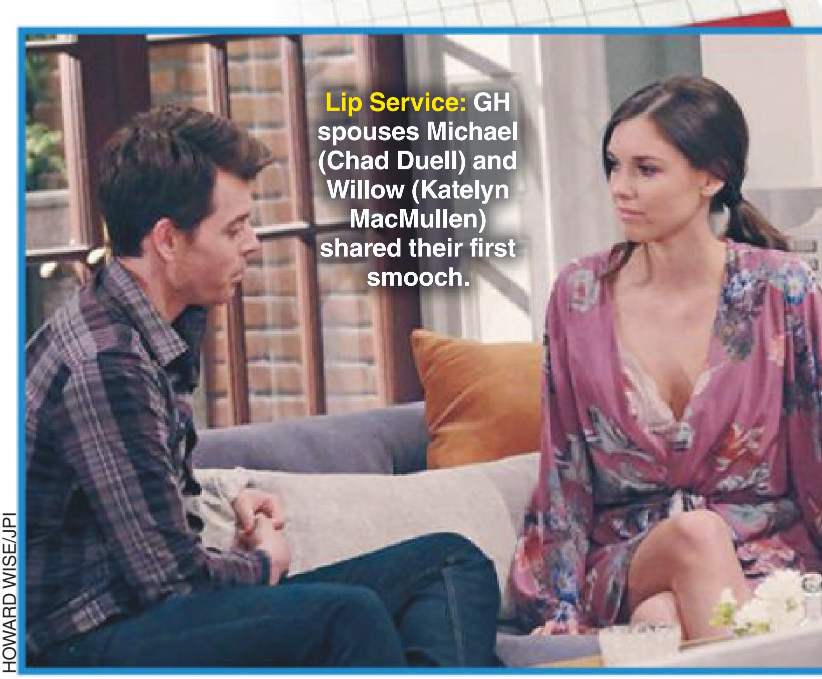

Lip Service: GH spouses Michael (Chad Duell) and Willow (Katelyn MacMullen) shared their first smooch.

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FLASHBACK TRIVIA

In what country had DAYS's Eric been doing missionary work that inspired him to become a priest?

Turn to page 60 to find out.

bold and beautiful

TRUTH BE TOLD

Ridge is taken aback by Quinn's suggestion that he give Shauna a dream wedding. He puts Quinn in her place.

Bill makes a solid decision about his future. He welcomes the challenge of winning Katie back and tells her how he feels.

Brooke informs Ridge that soon the truth will be revealed about Quinn's misdeeds, and remains positive that she and Ridge will be reunited.

HIDDEN PILLS

Thomas delivers a gift from Vinny to Kelly that holds a secret stash of pills for Steffy. Steffy makes the life-changing decision to take them.

Liam pays an unexpected visit to Finn at the hospital, where he picks up a vibe that Finn is interested in being more than just Steffy's doctor. Finn shuts Liam down by reminding him that Steffy's medical care is none of his business.

IT'S A DATE

Carter romances Zoe at Il Giardino and the two deepen their growing bond.

THE DOCTOR IS IN

Liam and Thomas argue about Steffy and Finn. Thomas reminds Liam that Hope, not Steffy, is his wife.

Steffy lies to Finn that she doesn't need any more pain meds. Steffy is stunned when Finn tells her that he can no longer be her doctor. The two then share a hot kiss that rocks Steffy to her core.

Thomas and Liam take their Steffy/Finn argument to Ridge. Liam is adamant with Ridge that no good can come from Finn being Steffy's physician. In a highly charged moment, Thomas blames Liam for Steffy's emotional pain and insists that Liam needs to cut her loose.

Hope interrupts a close moment between Finn and Steffy at Steffy's place. Later, Thomas arrives to find his missing wallet and is surprised to see Finn there again. After Finn leaves, Thomas searches for his wallet, coming dangerously close to finding Steffy's illicit stash of opioids.

Hope and Liam disagree about Finn's positive effect on Steffy.... Steffy isn't happy when Thomas tells her Liam's opinion of Finn.... Feeling uneasy, Liam decides to head back to Steffy's house to check on her and Kelly. ☐

WHAT WILL HAPPEN

- Believing that everyone is against her, Steffy makes a dangerous move.
- Hope confides her troubles in Brooke.

flashback to 2006

Dr. Love: Christian (Mario Lopez) fell for Felicia (Lesli Kay) when he was treating her for colon cancer.

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days of our lives

EYE-OPENING

Sami and Marlena argue about Sami's decision to bring Jan Spears to Salem. Later, Kayla tells Marlena it's time to bring John out of his induced coma. Marlena and Brady are with John when he opens his eyes, but he fails to recognize them. Brady becomes worried, but Marlena reassures him that it might just be a temporary side effect. Marlena describes their life together to John, and he ends up remembering. Marlena is relieved John is back to his old self, but is he?

AIN'T IT GRAND?

The judge convenes the parties in the custody case to announce her decision. She lifts the restraining order, and everyone thinks she's going to rule in Eric and Nicole's favor. However, she gives custody to Sami.

ARRESTED DEVELOPMENT

Eli and Lani argue about Kristen. Later, Eli shows up at Kristen's door. He's about to arrest her for stabbing Victor, but Kristen entreats him not to, citing her friendship with Lani. Lani shows up with Rachel, and is stunned to see Eli, who then arrests Kristen. At the police station, Kristen calls Brady, and tells him she's been arrested.... Brady asks Belle to represent Kristen, but she's dubious in light of everything Kristen has done to John and Marlena. Brady turns to Victor for help.... Lani visits Kristen and apologizes for Eli's actions. After, Lani rips into Eli for betraying her, then vents to Abe, who urges her to make things right with Eli.

LITTLE GIRL LOST

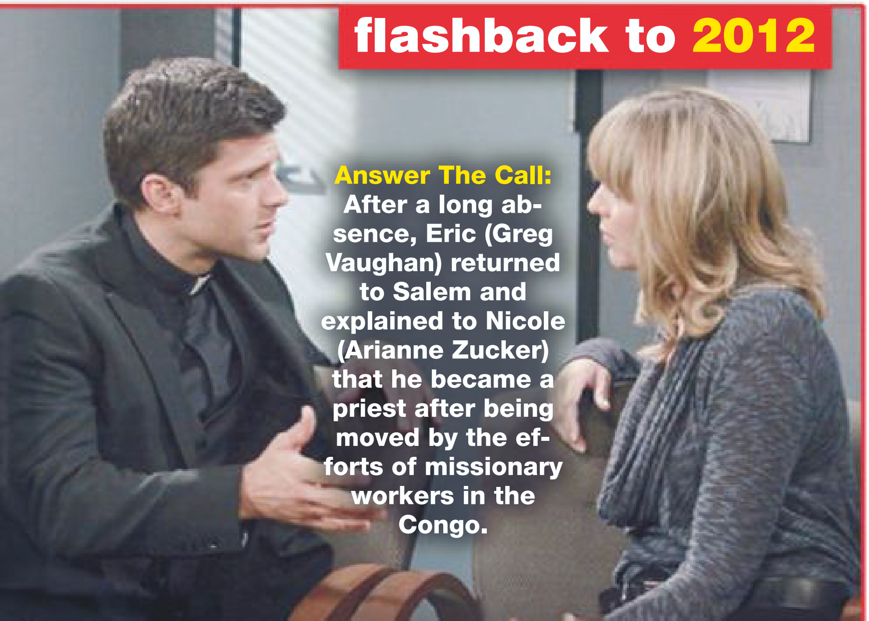
Ben dreams about a happy life with Ciara. Suddenly he wakes, and finds himself alone with Ciara's rings in his hand.

Hope informs Eve of the explosion at the airfield, and Vincent's motives. Eve profusely apologizes for her role in Ciara's presumed death, and implores Hope to believe that she didn't want this outcome.

Julie informs Doug of Ciara's "death", and the two console each other. Hope arrives, and Doug and Julie promise to help her get through this terrible loss.

Hope runs into Abe, who offers his condolences about Ciara. Hope then goes to the station to get an update from Eli about the search for Vincent. They learn Vincent was spotted heading out of town. Shawn enters with the forensics report, and Hope discovers Ciara's remains were not found at the site of the explosion. Hope insists Ciara could be alive, adding that she could have escaped from Vincent before Hope and Shawn showed up on the scene. Eli and Shawn

flashback to 2012



Answer The Call: After a long absence, Eric (Greg Vaughan) returned to Salem and explained to Nicole (Arianne Zucker) that he became a priest after being moved by the efforts of missionary workers in the Congo.

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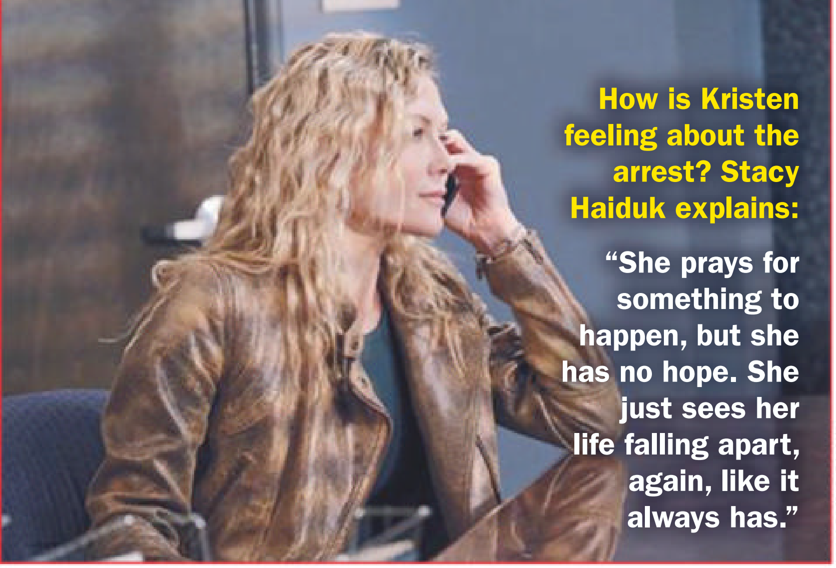

How is Kristen feeling about the arrest? Stacy Haiduk explains:

"She prays for something to happen, but she has no hope. She just sees her life falling apart, again, like it always has."

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WHAT WILL HAPPEN

- Marlena is alarmed to hear of Claire and Jan's meeting.
- Philip moves home into the mansion.
- Allie isn't on board with Sami's plans.

are skeptical, but Hope is bolstered by the lack of evidence and takes off to investigate.

Maggie is alarmed to find Victor loading a gun. Victor announces he's going to kill Ben, who he blames him for Ciara's death. Maggie talks him down and urges him to set aside his anger and just grieve.

ENEMY MINE

Shawn leaves Claire to go into work. Alone, Claire finds herself face-to-face with Jan. Not knowing who Jan is, Claire finds herself opening up to her parents' "old friend" about Ciara's death and her guilt. Claire breaks down and Jan gladly comforts her. Belle returns home — and is livid to find her enemy comforting her daughter. Belle identifies Jan to Claire. Jan insists that she is just there to offer condolences and make amends, a sentiment that affects Claire, but does not move Belle. After Belle kicks Jan out, Claire defends Jan's right to a second chance and Belle worries that her rival has designs to use her daughter against her.

After Xander and Philip spar over the CEO office at Titan, Philip runs into Jan in the town square. When she tells him that she just saw Belle and Claire, Philip threatens Jan, which Xander overhears. Later, Philip consoles a shaken Belle while Xander introduces himself to Jan.

THE SAME, BUT DIFFERENT

Sami visits John and apologizes, but he loses his temper and blasts her. After Marlena ushers Sami out, John tells her about his outburst and Marlena shares her belief that John's loss of control is a hopefully temporary aftereffect of his aneurysm.

TRAVEL PLANS

Nicole finds Lucas struggling to soothe Allie's baby, and steps in to calm the fussy child. When Sami returns to find Nicole holding her grandson, she takes him away, unable to help gloating about her custody battle win. After Nicole leaves, Sami declares that she is taking the baby home with her to Italy, but later, Allie comes in to object to her travel plans.

Eric is surprised to get a visit from Angie, a woman he worked with in the Congo. She shares with him the desperate plight of the villagers that he once served and asks him to return to Africa to help them rebuild their lives. Eric is torn, but decides that his life is here in Salem with Holly and Nicole. Later, as he shares the details of Angie's visit with his wife, Nicole questions whether Eric did the right thing in turning her down.

general hospital

COME AND SEE ME

Brook Lynn rejects Ned's efforts to reconcile. Michael and Willow share an impromptu kiss that affects them both. They go to G.H. to thank Brook Lynn for her role in bringing Wiley home. Ned and Olivia argue when she makes it clear that she is still going to Switzerland with Robert. Michael asks Willow to formally adopt Wiley, which makes Chase resolve not to come clean with Willow about his "affair" with Sasha. Dustin and Lulu, then Chase and Sasha, also pay sympathetic visits to Brook Lynn.

ABOUT LAST NIGHT

Jason fills in Sam about Taggert. Danny is thrilled when Jason says he is moving home. Meanwhile, Alexis and Neil decide to make a go of things and enjoy a night of lovemaking. In the morning, a devastated Alexis discovers Neil dead! Sam tries to console her as she faces Valerie's questions and the paramedics wheel out the body. Alexis moves in temporarily with Sam and Jason.

OFF TO THE RACES

Mike is having a good day, so Sonny gets Felix's permission to take him to the race track one last time. Carly joins, and Sonny and Mike share a poignant moment of connection. When they return to Turning Woods, Cyrus is there; he claims to be volunteering. Sonny notes to Brick that he is wise as to why Cyrus wanted control of the hospital. Sonny learns that Cyrus fired Monica and Bobbie.

SILENT TREATMENT

At the cabin, a shaky Carly lies to Valerie that after she caught up to Nelle, Nelle pushed her and ran off. Jax assures her that she did the right thing. As the cops search for Nelle, her half of the heart necklace lies in the woods. Nina fondles the other half of the necklace and when Valentin approaches, Sam blasts him for allowing Cyrus to take control of G.H. Nina is appalled when Sam reveals that Michael blackmailed Valentin over Sasha. Valentin warns her that she's setting herself up for disappointment by searching for her child. Jax's jeweler gives Nina contact info for the necklace's designer. Due to Sonny's preoccupation with Mike, Carly decides not to tell him what happened to Nelle. She has a nightmare about her presumed-dead rival.

flashback to 2017

Toxic Behavior: Alex (Finola Hughes) escaped WSB custody and persuaded Valentin (James Patrick Stuart) not to cooperate with the authorities about their involvement with Helena's biotoxin, known as the chimera.

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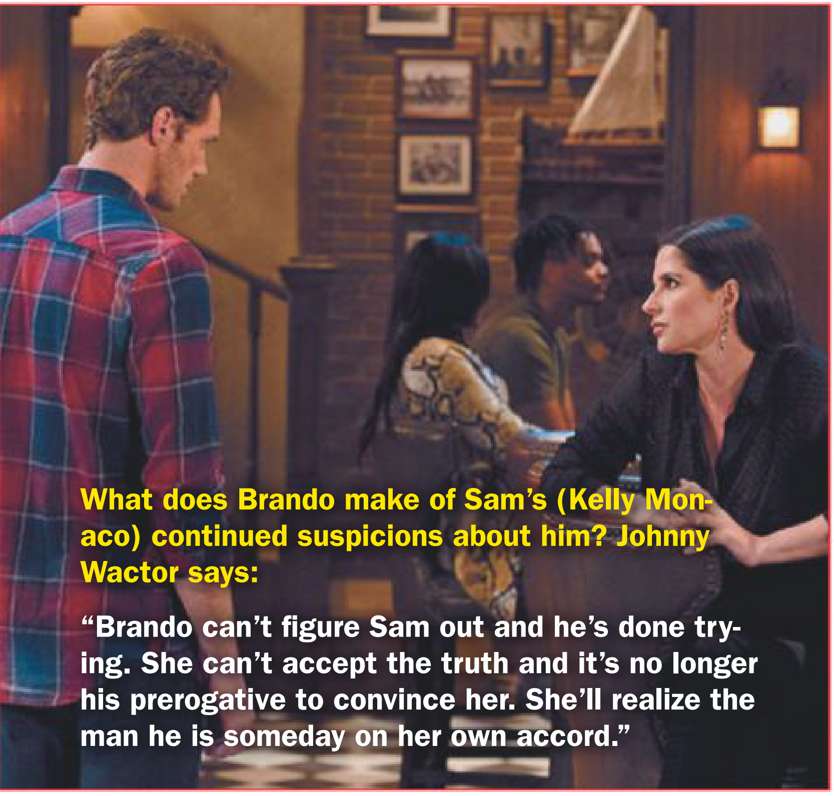


What does Brando make of Sam's (Kelly Monaco) continued suspicions about him? Johnny Wactor says:

"Brando can't figure Sam out and he's done trying. She can't accept the truth and it's no longer his prerogative to convince her. She'll realize the man he is someday on her own accord."

VALERIE DURANT/ABC

WHAT WILL HAPPEN

- Robert is backed into a corner.
- Alexis meets with Portia.
- Molly is caught off-guard.

TWIN PIQUE

Robert tells Anna that he is going to Holly's memorial service after all. She shuts him down when he tries to discuss Peter. Robert goes and Anna's phone rings: It's Alex! Alex claims to be tired of running and invites Anna to meet her in Berlin. Anna briefs Finn, who is against the idea. He goes to the hospital, where he does his best to help Alexis process Neil's death. Anna asks Valentin to help her take down Alex. He agrees, with conditions. Anna tells Finn she isn't going to Berlin.

FAVOR FOR A FAVOR

On the plane to Geneva, Olivia opens up to Robert about her Dante-related fears, and he tells her about how he and Holly fell in love. She decides to go to the memorial service with him.

ELIMINATION ROUND

One of Cyrus's minions, Walker, drops in on Brando, who makes it clear he isn't interested in associating with Cyrus. Spinelli distracts Brando while Jason plants a camera in the garage. Cyrus thinks back to having Jason's bike tampered with and glowers that Jason still needs to be eliminated. He sends his thugs to beat up Brando. Jason, Sam and Spin see the attack on the surveillance feed and rush to his rescue. At G.H., Jason insists to Sam that Brando is on the up-and-up. Later, Spin tells Peter that Nelle told him of Peter's long association with Shiloh.

VIDEO CONFERENCE

Curtis surprises Jordan with a romantic dinner. They chat about Trina and Portia before Jordan is called away. Jordan informs a stunned Alexis that Neil died of respiratory failure caused by a drug overdose. T.J. gives Cyrus a piece of his mind for terminating Monica and Bobbie. Curtis warns T.J. not to cross Cyrus. Cyrus and Jason have a tense cross. Sam, who still harbors doubts about Brando, grills him once he regains consciousness. Jason assures Brando that he knows Cyrus caused his crash. Meanwhile, a panicked Peter calls Valentin about Nelle's loose lips — and a triumphant Spinelli sees and hears the whole thing on his laptop. ☐

young and restless

TIES THAT BIND

Chance shows up at the penthouse, looking for Adam. Chelsea admits that she doesn't know where he is. Chance shares that Alyssa has been looking into Adam and Chance's ties to a missing man in Las Vegas. Chelsea urges Chance to find Adam before they discuss what he's been dealing with (A.J.'s death). Chance tracks Adam down at his motel room but their interaction doesn't solve anything. Sharon arrives, and Chance exits with the impression that she and Adam are having an affair. Meanwhile, Sharon informs Adam that she can't work with him anymore and leaves.

MIRROR, MIRROR

Elena confesses to Nate that she's afraid Amanda and Devon may fall for each other if she turns out to be Hilary's sister. Amanda shows up at Devon's penthouse and reveals that the DNA test proves that she and Hilary are twins. Devon is shocked, and wonders how and why Amanda and Hilary were separated. Amanda excitedly states that she wants to know everything about her sister and throws myriad questions at Devon. He tries to answer the best he can, but he's soon hit with the grief he first experienced after losing Hilary.

FATES MOTEL

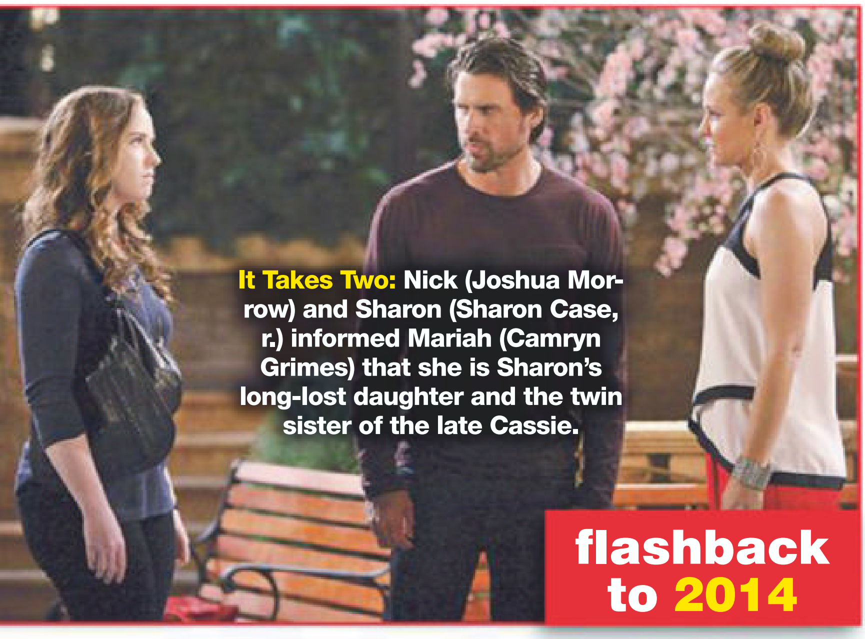
Sharon is distraught that her latest pathology report confirms her cancer has spread. Rey reassures her that they will get through this together. Sharon returns to Adam's motel room and explains that she would like to help him, because it gives her some control over her life. Sharon opens up about her latest cancer update; Adam comforts her.

TARDY FOR THE PARTY

At ChancComm, Theo is headed out on a date with Lola but unexpectedly gets caught up brainstorming with Billy. Lola becomes upset when Theo is very late and blasts him for not notifying her that he would be delayed. Theo tries to discuss the matter further, but Lola isn't interested.

GOING PLACES

While having dinner with Nick at Society, Phyllis mentions to Abby that she has the money to buy out Abby's shares of the Grand Phoenix. Nick



It Takes Two: Nick (Joshua Morrow) and Sharon (Sharon Case, r.) informed Mariah (Camryn Grimes) that she is Sharon's long-lost daughter and the twin sister of the late Cassie.

flashback to 2014

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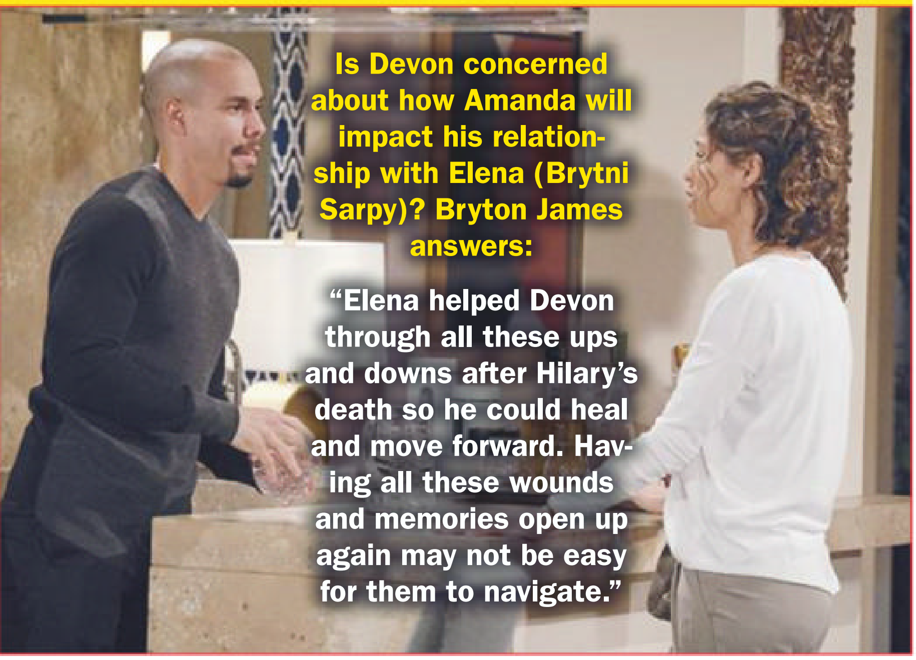

Is Devon concerned about how Amanda will impact his relationship with Elena (Brytni Sarpy)? Bryton James answers:

"Elena helped Devon through all these ups and downs after Hilary's death so he could heal and move forward. Having all these wounds and memories open up again may not be easy for them to navigate."

XT ARROYO/JPI

receives a group text from Rey about Sharon's lab results and leaves.

PROBLEM CHILD

Chance warns Abby that she could get caught in the fallout if things go badly with Alyssa and Adam. At first, Abby worries that Chance wants to break up with her, but he insists he doesn't want to lose her.

Alyssa tells Chelsea that she knows Adam killed her father, adding that she intends to publish the new story she's now writing. Chelsea reminds Alyssa that she signed a nondisclosure agreement.

Chelsea confesses to Chance that Adam killed Alyssa's father when he was a child, and Victor covered it up. Chance reveals that he saw Sharon at the motel with Adam. Chelsea clarifies that Sharon has been helping Adam as a therapist. After getting the address from Chance, Chelsea shows up at the motel and persuades Adam to come home. Once at the penthouse, Chelsea tells Adam that Alyssa is digging into his life in Vegas.

Sharon admits to Rey that she has still been working with Adam and promises not to keep things from him anymore. Rey says he'll never be okay with her helping Adam.

GETTING THE BUG

At the coffeehouse, Billy tips off Alyssa that he knows about Adam's involvement in A.J.'s death. Alyssa lists the roadblocks to publishing the story, and shares that she's investigating Adam's time in Vegas. Billy encourages her to use any ChancComm resources. Chelsea sees them together and reports back to Adam that Billy may spill Adam's secret to the world. Chelsea says she knows how to get more info about Billy's plans.

Chelsea flirts with Theo at Society and talks him into taking her back to ChancComm to discuss business. Once there, Chelsea discreetly places a listening device in Billy's office just as he walks in. ☐

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Daddy's Girl: B&B's Caitlin (Kayla Ewell) was close to firefighter father Hector (Lorenzo Lamas).

Q **I read in your magazine that B&B's Dr. Finn's real-life wife once appeared on the show. Can you tell me when she was on and who she played? Thank you.**

Gladys H., via email

A Certainly, Gladys. Kayla Ewell, the real-life wife of Tanner Novlan (Finn), played Caitlin Ramirez on B&B from 2004-05. She was the love child daughter of firefighter Hector Ramirez and heiress Samantha Kelly. Caitlin found herself enmeshed in a romantic triangle with both Thomas and Rick, but ended up with neither Forrester when she moved to New York with her mom to start anew.

Q **In a recent scene on Y&R, Nikki was playing the piano beautifully. It really looked like [portrayer] Melody Thomas Scott was playing. Was she, or was it just amazing camera angles?**

T.O., via email

A Yes, that was indeed the actress tickling the ivories. Scott is an accomplished pianist who majored in music in college. Through the years she has played on Y&R many times, which also included Nikki's outdoor piano concert in 2017.

Q **I chuckled on GH that Brook Lynn is going by BLQ. But isn't her last name Ashton? I agree that BLA doesn't have quite the same ring, but still!**

M.R., via email

A Brook Lynn was raised as Brook Lynn Ashton, but on January 13, 2020, she revealed that she changed her last name to Quartermaine (as Ned had done a few years prior). In Brook Lynn's case, the change was an unsuccessful attempt to get out of the contract she had signed with Linc as Brook Lynn Ashton.

Q **I was watching an old episode of THE PARTRIDGE FAMILY, and saw Anthony Geary [ex-Luke, GH] playing a minister, Greg, dating the Susan Dey character. Was this before, during or in between his stints on GH? So fun to see him young again and**

twin peek

Seeing Tanner Novlan [Finn, B&B] in the insurance commercial reminded me of Tyler Johnson as Theo on Y&R in looks, character and wardrobe. Check it out.

Andrea P., via email

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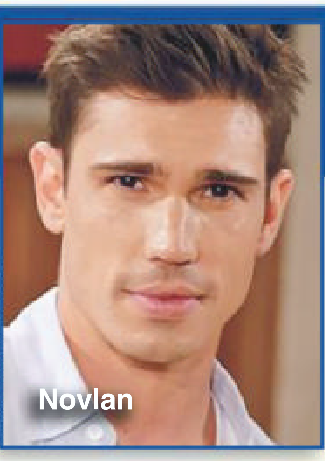

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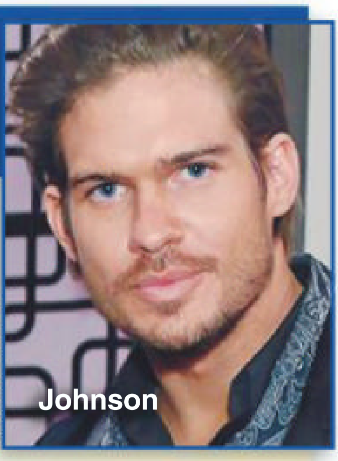

BRIAN LOWE/JPI

playing a different role! Love his work!

Jen in Battle Ground, WA

A Geary played the role of Greg Houser in the "Ain't Loveth Grand" episode of the musical family series in 1972, well before he joined GH in 1978 to play the life-changing role of Luke Spencer.

Q **I was watching a rerun episode of THE CLOSER (starring Kyra Sedgwick, formerly on ANOTHER WORLD as Julia). One of the producers on CLOSER is listed as Michael Weiss. Is this the same Michael Weiss who portrayed Michael Horton on DAYS? Has he worked as a producer on any other recent programs?**

Jan M., via email

A No, they are not the same. Michael T. Weiss is the actor who appeared on DAYS from 1985-90.

Q **I started watching GH when the Cassadines were first introduced. Are any of the original bunch still alive?**

K.D., via email

A No, they have all gone to the great Cassadine compound in the sky. Tony and Mikkos Cassadine both died in the original 1981 storyline that introduced them. Victor went to prison and was presumed dead, but returned in 2014. That same year, Liesl Obrecht killed him for real. Matriarch Helena, who herself had previously cheated death, officially died in 2015.

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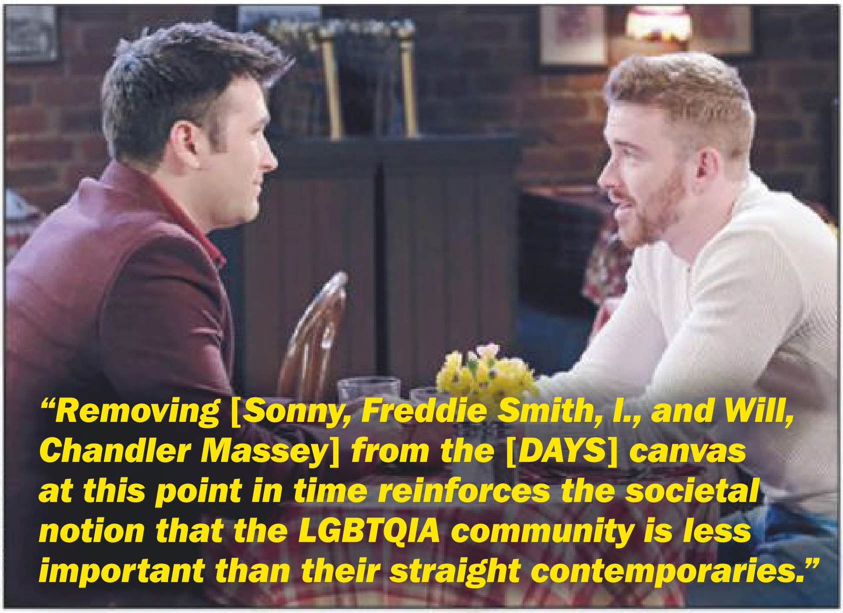
SOUND OFF

What's on your mind?

FAIR REPRESENTATION

In a world so full of social injustices, art — even the most commercial version of it — needs to begin working from an essence of basic humanity. By stripping the soap world of one of its only positive gay couples, the powers-that-be at DAYS have definitely ignored that principle. No matter the strength of past material or the glowing recap that they gave Sonny and Will, one of the show's true power couples, removing them from the canvas at this point in time reinforces the societal notion that the LGBTQIA community is less important than their straight contemporaries, a truly dire suggestion at this point in history. Granted, one can almost feel the financial and network struggles that the show is facing on a daily basis as events play out, on screen, but watching as the brass retains or reintroduces characters of much less import than this iconic duo feels like a slap in the face to all of the program's loyal viewers who fall into categories just shy of the norm.

Brian K., via email



"Removing [Sonny, Freddie Smith, l., and Will, Chandler Massey] from the [DAYS] canvas at this point in time reinforces the societal notion that the LGBTQIA community is less important than their straight contemporaries."

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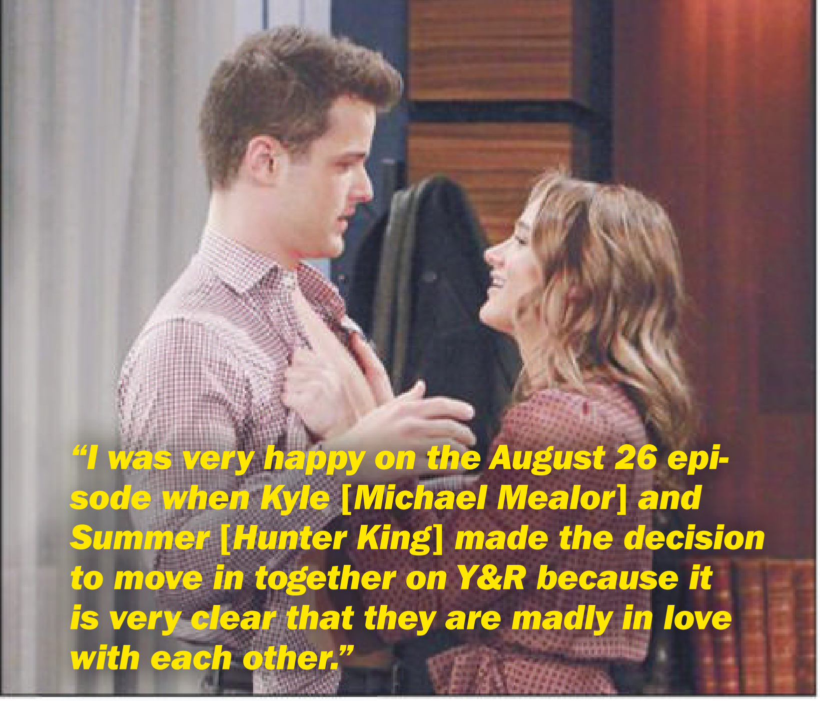
FAREWELL FARE

Hats off to DAYS's Galen Gering for his great performances in the months preceding Rafe's departure from Salem. Watching Rafe cope with the loss of David was absolutely heartbreaking. The anguish portrayed was realistic and deserving of an Emmy nomination. And when Rafe's father, Eduardo — played by the always stellar A Martinez — returned to town, Galen played both Rafe's anger at his father and his fear for his sister and brother with equal aplomb. The showrunners at DAYS made a mistake in letting Galen go, but fortunately realized their mistake and announced plans to bring him back soon. I'm looking forward to new stories for Rafe and more exceptional performances by Galen soon.

Linda W., via email

DOUBLE TIME

Thank you to the powers-that-be at both DAYS and GH for giving us another exciting week with the amazingly talented Wally Kurth. Wally was phenomenal all week as both Ned/Justin. It's been



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such a treat to watch Wally on both shows and involved in some great stories. First there is the intense baby custody story and also the fun Justin/Bonnie story on DAYS. Then there was the highly emotional Olivia/Ned/Brook Lynn story on GH. Both shows have shown why this amazing actor is truly one of the best in daytime.

Anji, via email

MAKING MOVES

I was very happy on the August 26 episode when Kyle and Summer made the decision to move in together on Y&R because it is very clear that they are madly in love with each other. All of these obstacles that they are about to face will just make them stronger in the end, and what I think will happen is that all of us on Team "Skyle" will get the wedding we want and then the joyful news that Summer is pregnant with the first of their many children. What I need is for Kyle to be able to stand up for his relationship with Summer to Mariah and everyone else who "cares" about him, which is exactly what Summer has done already. I loved their scenes in the August 28 episode, especially where Summer told Kyle she had a better idea on their living situation.

Allyssa L., Weslaco, TX

STILL THE ONES

Since new episodes have begun airing, one improvement that I appreciate Y&R making is that Kyle and Lola stopped acting so cavalier about ending their marriage. I love that we get to see Lola express sadness and anger over her heart being broken. Sasha Calle [Lola] has amazing range and artfully expresses all of the complex emotions that her character is going through. I also applaud Michael Mealor for showing Kyle's jealousy over Lola moving on with Theo and his regret over how their relationship ended. Without even having to speak any words, Mealor masterfully conveys to the audience what Kyle is feeling just through glances at Lola and the expressions on his face. The little details that both Mealor and Calle bring to their characters' demeanors when Kyle and Lola are in the same space are why I root for "Kola" to eventually find their way back to each other. There continues to be a powerful pull between the two characters even though they're trying to separately move on. It makes me miss the "Kola" romance on my screen even more, but I'm definitely going to tune into Y&R to see what happens next with my favorite characters.

Christie A., Pittsburgh, PA

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AROUND THE DIAL

"Why in the heck did they kill off Neil on GH?" wonders Mary T. in Biggsville, IL. "Loved him and Alexis as a couple and was just waiting for them to get together. Why not let them be together, and down the line explore health problems? Mistake! I hope we get a conclusion on the necklace thing." ... "I have been absolutely mesmerized with Mark Grossman's [Adam, Y&R] acting skills this month and his incredible chemistry with Sharon Case [Sharon]," raves Patricia D., via email. "We need more photos and stories about him. This needs to be the supercouple that saves Y&R. The acting has been superb and has brought the drama and excitement back to the show!" Josh C. adds, "I really enjoyed the September 1 episode of Y&R. It's been getting good this week all around. The scenes between Summer and Kyle and Nick and Phyllis were outstanding, and Summer looked absolutely stunning in that red dress. I'm glad 'Skyle' is starting to take their relationship to the next level #TeamSkyle." ... "This viewer is wondering if the cast size of DAYS isn't too big for the writing team?" emails Angela. "It makes no sense that you can go weeks at a time without seeing characters on screen, that are still on canvas — i.e. 'Elani', 'Stayla', 'JnJ', Philip etc. As a viewer, you can't invest in characters or stories you never get to see, and it's a shame because there is a lot of talent being left off of the table. It took almost two weeks from the time Phillip discussed the CEO position with Victor to see this addressed again."

YOU SAID IT!

"Kristian Alfonso [Hope] leaving is a huge loss for DAYS. There were many years where she deserved an Emmy nomination and even a win but was never recognized. She will be truly missed. Here's hoping Hallmark signs her for her own detective/murder series."

— Lisa K., via email

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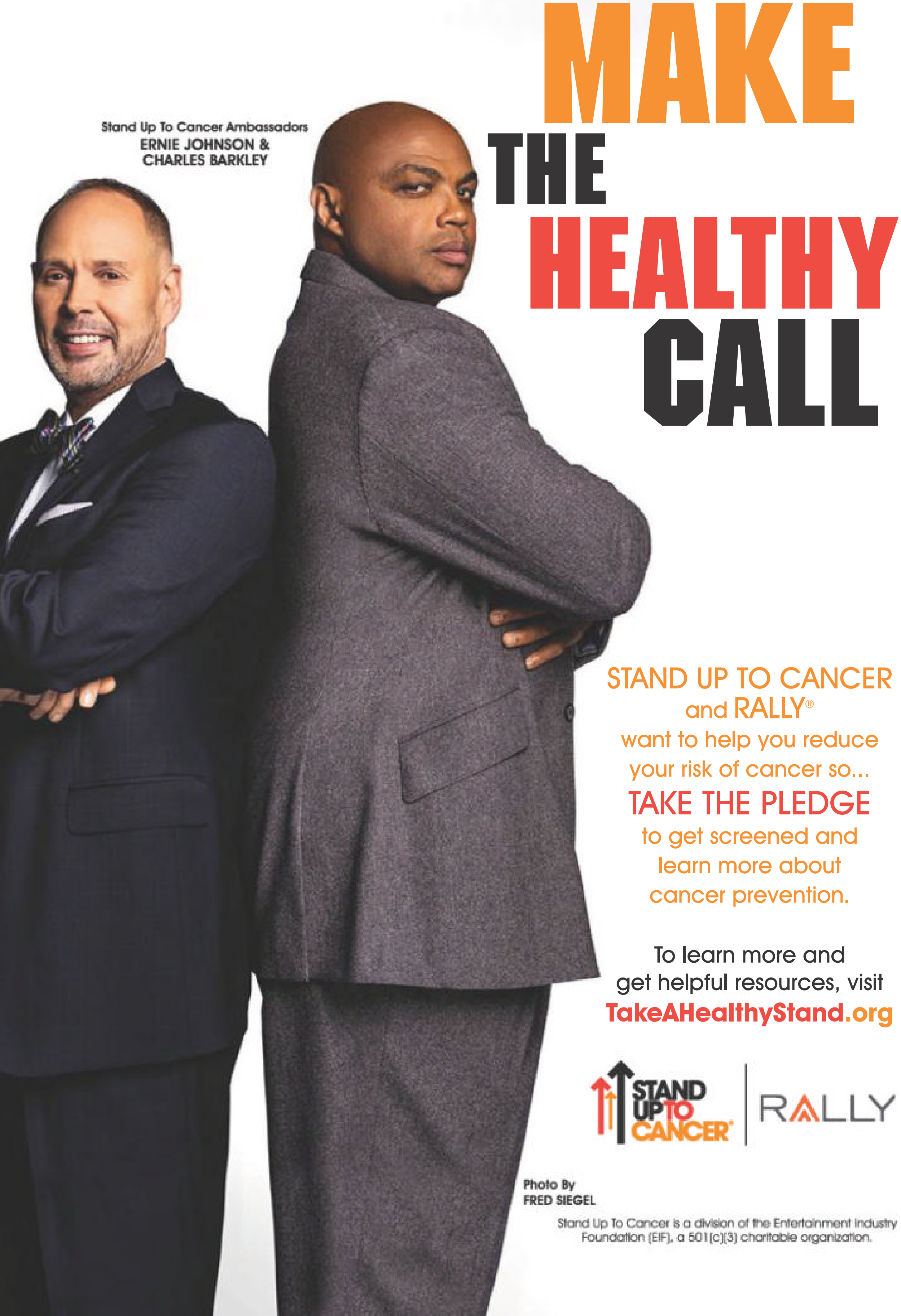

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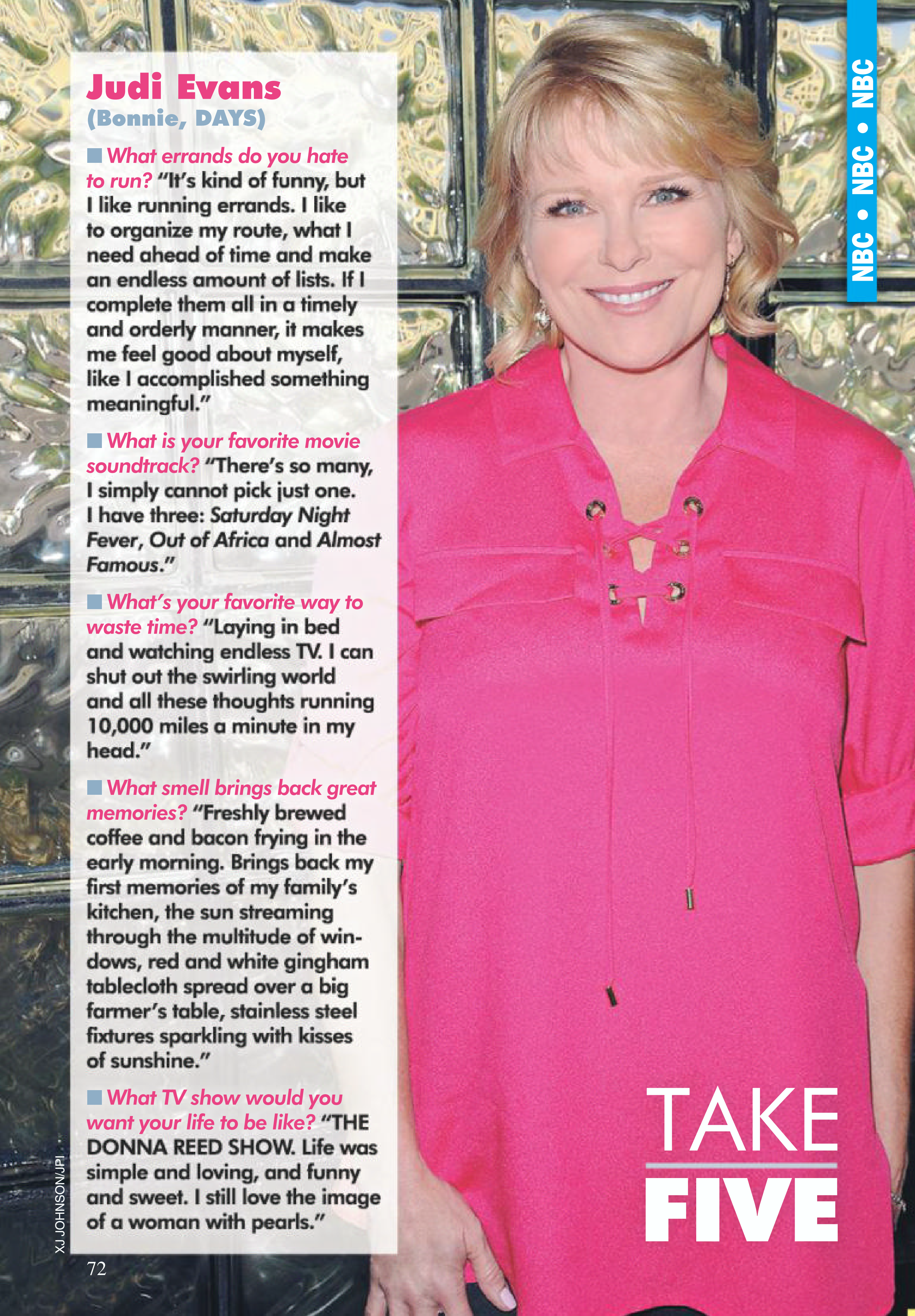

TAKE FIVE

Judi Evans

(Bonnie, DAYS)

What errands do you hate to run? "It's kind of funny, but I like running errands. I like to organize my route, what I need ahead of time and make an endless amount of lists. If I complete them all in a timely and orderly manner, it makes me feel good about myself, like I accomplished something meaningful."

What is your favorite movie soundtrack? "There's so many, I simply cannot pick just one. I have three: *Saturday Night Fever*, *Out of Africa* and *Almost Famous*."

What's your favorite way to waste time? "Laying in bed and watching endless TV. I can shut out the swirling world and all these thoughts running 10,000 miles a minute in my head."

What smell brings back great memories? "Freshly brewed coffee and bacon frying in the early morning. Brings back my first memories of my family's kitchen, the sun streaming through the multitude of windows, red and white gingham tablecloth spread over a big farmer's table, stainless steel fixtures sparkling with kisses of sunshine."

What TV show would you want your life to be like? "THE DONNA REED SHOW. Life was simple and loving, and funny and sweet. I still love the image of a woman with pearls."

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